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Pictured at the launch of the Kerry Hospice Sunflower Days at Killarney House on Tuesday were Kay Spillane, Angela Curran, Pat Doolan, Cathal Walshe, Catherine O'Reilly and Mary O'Donoghue. Kerry Hospice Sunflower Days takes place on Friday 9th June and Saturday 10th June 2023.



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Aisling Crosbie.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Basking in glorious sunshine, Killarney is Looking Good and this week the tidy towns competition is back with a vengeance! Kerry Hospice Foundation launched Sunflower Days in the stunning surroundings of Killarney House, a charity BBQ is planned for Bank Holiday Monday and they're off at Listowel Races this weekend. Couples in Killarney celebrated at a special mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, the Kenya Education Project is celebrating 20 years and a Killarney runner is raising funds for the Kerry Cancer Support Group.

The NPWS has appealed for the public to be fire aware this weekend with a 'Condition Orange' alert in place, St. Anthony's Novena begins this weekend and its all eyes on Pairc uí Chaoimh as Kerry take on Cork in the All Ireland Senior Football Championship Group Stages.

Enjoy the fantastic weather, be sun smart and if you are out and about, do your bit to keep Killarney Looking Good!

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## *Together we can make a difference* **THIS HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS**

**V**olunteers from the Kerry Hospice Foundation will be out and about on Friday 9th June and Saturday 10th June to raise much needed funds.

Hospice Sunflower Days is returning for its 33rd year with 19 hospices throughout the country taking part in the on-street collection on Friday 9th June and Saturday 10th June 2023.

As well as the on-street collection in Kerry there is also an opportunity once again for the public to support their chosen hospice or homecare service online. The virtual sunflower garden is open from the 11th May until the end of June, you can sponsor a virtual sunflower 'in memory' of a loved one at [www.sunflowerdays.ie](http://www.sunflowerdays.ie)

Every euro raised locally, stays locally and supporters donating online will be able to select which hospice they wish to support from a dropdown menu so they can rest assured their donation will go directly to their preferred hospice service.

Hospices and specialist palliative homecare services throughout the country provide free-of-charge care and support to those living with a life-limiting illness, while also offering assistance to the patient's family members. The Hospice Sunflower Days campaign aims to raise vital funds to allow these hospices and specialist homecare services to continue to provide their essential personal care in either specialist units in the hospice or in a patient's own home. Funding from the 2023 campaign will be used to help upgrade hospice and homecare facilities, purchase new equipment and fund local hospice services.



Hospice Sunflower Days  
Ambassador, Mary Kennedy

Speaking about the launch of the 2023 Hospice Sunflower Days campaign, Jack Shanahan, Chairperson, Kerry Hospice Foundation Fundraising, said, "We are delighted to launch our 33rd Hospice Sunflower Days campaign. On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June, volunteers will be selling sunflower merchandise to raise vital funds. We are calling on everyone to mark Hospice Sunflower Days this year by supporting on-street or online at [www.sunflowerdays.ie](http://www.sunflowerdays.ie) and donating what you can to help Kerry Hospice Foundation."

You can support your the Kerry hospice or homecare service by donating to the on-street volunteers on Friday 9th or Saturday 10th June, or by dedicating a virtual sunflower in memory of a loved one now at [www.togetherforhospice.ie/sunflowerdays](http://www.togetherforhospice.ie/sunflowerdays)

## **Shock and Sadness at the passing of Gene Moriarty**

By: James O'Shea, Fossa GAA Club PRO



**T**he death has occurred of Gene Moriarty, unexpectedly on the 22nd of May 2023. Beloved husband and best friend of Margaret (Nee Murphy) and devoted father of Amy. Sadly missed and dearly loved by his family, brothers-in-law Noel, Gearóid and Seán and his wife Máire, sister-in-law Martina and her husband Brendan (Kelliher), nieces, nephew, Amy's partner Mikey, relatives, his many friends and all in the Fossa GAA Community.

All club members were deeply saddened on the passing of our hugely active stalwart member and friend Gene Moriarty. Born at Fossa Cross Gene Moriarty is surely a Fossa Man Apart. He recalled that

when started in St Brendan's in September 1964, and one of the first questions that was put to me was "Are you Crokes or Legion?" "Neither", nor could I identify with any other club. This spurred Gene to become one of the main driving forces behind the formation of the Fossa Club in 1970. Gene was our first secretary in 1970 and 71. He was chairman

in 1976 and again from 1992 to 94. He was a very active member of our club until his untimely death this week. 3 years ago, we published a book to commemorate our first 50 years. Gene played a enormous part in this, his expansive knowledge and fantastic memories of all the happening in the club since its foundation were paramount to the success of the book. Aptly an article about himself is titled "Football & A Sense of place" the title alone demonstrates the love of his parish, his local club and football. Gene had a massive knowledge of all youngsters who played for Fossa and took a great interest in who they were, where the parents were from, grandparents and if any football or sporting connections. He got great joy in our victories at all age group but would burst with pride when our players went on to represent Schools, Development Squads, Colleges, District and County teams. He took great delight and immense pride in the last year when 2 Celtic Crosses came to the club followed by the club's All Ireland Junior win. Fossa apart Gene also had a great knowledge of the East Kerry teams and phenomenal memory of the Kerry teams since the foundation of the GAA.

Currently Gene was serving as registrar and County Board delegate, which he has done for over the last decade and his opinions were always valued at our executive meetings.

Our sincere and deep condolences to the family at this time, he will be sadly missed.

Requiem Mass for Gene will take place today, Friday 2nd June at 11am in The Prince of Peace Church Fossa will burial afterwards in Kilbonane Graveyard.

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## Killarney Looking Good Competition returns

Over three decades after it was first initiated, to help improve the aesthetic values of the town, the Killarney Looking Good Competition is back with a vengeance with a new committee, new categories, new sponsors and a whole new approach.

When the project was first launched in 1991 it was a relatively low-key community event but it grew in importance with each passing year, culminating in some style when Killarney won the prestigious overall award in the national tidy towns competition in 2011.

After an enforced three-year absence since 2019, due to the pandemic, the competition has now been given a whole new lease of life and the 2023 version was officially launched this week by Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Niall Kelleher.

Awards will be presented in 26 different categories and high achievers in the business and residential community will be honoured at a gala prizegiving ceremony at the close of the tourist season.

This year two new categories are being introduced in memory of two remarkable people who played massive roles in keeping Killarney looking its best down through the years.

Yvonne Quill, who passed away last October, was the driving force behind the Killarney tidy towns campaign for several years and she was at the helm when the sought-after overall award was secured 12 years ago.

This year the Yvonne Quill Memorial Award will be presented to the volunteer of the year – a person who the adjudicators consider to be a standout contributor – in the overall effort to keep Killarney tidy.

Up to the time of his death in January 2020,



Mayor of Killarney Cllr Niall Kelleher (back right) launched the 2023 Killarney Looking Good Competition at MD O'Shea's garden centre with, from left, John O'Mahony, Paul O'Shea, Sandra Dunlea, Kathleen Foley and, in front, Johnny McGuire. Picture: Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan

Fr Michael Murphy was the public face of tidy towns and he played a huge part in Killarney, Kenmare and Sneem winning the overall national award in 2011, 2000 and 1987 respectively. Affectionately known as Fr Tidy, this year the Killarney Looking Good Competition will honour his memory with a special Pride of Place award.

In the business community, there will be awards for the best large and small commercial premises, best newly painted premises, best signage and the best retail award with prizes also for the most impressive hotel, public house, restaurant, café, guesthouse and best public building as well as the most improved premises.

In the residential categories awards will go to the best large and small estates, best private residence, best roadside garden, best floral display and best friendly planting award.

Other categories include a green hospitality award, a corporate special responsibility award, a restoration award, best school and a special biodiversity award.

Several highly commended awards will also be

up for grabs and the winner of the prestigious overall award will be announced at the prizegiving ceremony.

The Killarney Looking Good Competition is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Municipal District Council and the new committee comprises Sandra Dunlea – a daughter of the late Yvonne Quill – Kathleen Foley, John O'Mahony and Johnny McGuire who is spearheading the project.

MD O'Shea & Sons are the new overall sponsors of the competition and O'Mahony Media Ltd is the media sponsor.

The competition will run throughout the tourist season and businesses and residential areas will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

***The Tidy Towns group meet on a weekly basis to help and assist the fantastic outdoor staff at Kerry County Council who keep Killarney Looking Good on a daily basis. The next group meeting is at the Bottle Bank in the High Street Car Park on Monday next June 5th at 6pm and new volunteers are always welcome.***



The Yellow Team.... hard at work freshening up the kerbs at the weekly voluntary Tidy Towns Clean Up. From left: Kieran Murphy, Marcus Treacy, Bryan O'Connor and Johnny McGuire.



The Black Team: Renata Kolas and Rubert O'Sullivan pictured at the junction at The Plaza freshening up the kerbs.

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## Kerry Tourism Industry Federation Welcomes Fundaing



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The fund's aim is to support the development of facilities and projects that will be used in the future by all members of the community. Projects range from large-scale multi-purpose sports facilities, upgrades to community centres, equipment for sports clubs, outdoor walkways, playgrounds, community buses, and equipment for festivals.

Pat O'Leary, Chairperson of the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation says, "In welcoming the people of Ukraine, the people of Kerry have demonstrated

that basic human kindness is at the heart of a great community. Kerry is known worldwide for its beautiful landscapes, clean air, pristine waters, and welcoming and friendly people. It is ranked

thirteenth in the world on the Global Destination Sustainability Index. The tourism industry works effectively with both private and public partners to promote Kerry as the premier place in Ireland not just to visit but also to work and live. This Government funding is welcomed as a recognition of the contribution made by the people of Kerry including the hospitality sector, in integrating our new residents."



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There was a tremendous turn out, with people travelling from throughout Kerry, Limerick, Cork, Clare and Tipperary.

The day was kind to the team in Brownes, with warm weather adding to the great atmosphere, making the setting ideal for old friends to catch up and share a laugh and a joke.

The event was topped off with the arrival of two very special guests, the great Paudie Clifford and of course Sam McGuire!

Plans are already well advanced to make next years event an even bigger one, with lots of interest from Foreign exhibitors to take part on the day. The team in Brownes would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeremy Burke of Burkes Euronics, and Jim Garvey of Garvey's Supervalu for making car parking spaces available to Brownes on the day.

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## DNG TED HEALY RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Killarney estate agent DNG Ted Healy has been named the 'DNG Small Branch of the Year' at the DNG National Conference and Awards, which took place at The Curragh Racecourse on Friday, May 26. The Conference and Awards ceremony was attended by more than 150 delegates from the DNG Nationwide Branch network. With a number of topics on the agenda including DNG's recent partner affiliation with Hamptons International and a fascinating guest speaker address by Irish/munster Rugby legend and current European Cup winning La Rochelle coach, Ronan O Gara, the DNG Annual Awards took center stage.

DNG Ted Healy was awarded the DNG Small Branch of the Year for 2023 having been nominated also in 2022. The judging panel commended DNG Ted Healy for their high standard of service to their clients and the team's use of Social Media to enhance their business. Ted Healy opened his estate agency branch in March 2006 when he joined the DNG network of offices and 17 yrs later continues to offer best in class property services to the people of Killarney & East Kerry.



*Pictured (centre) accepting their Small Branch of the Year award with Keith Lowe – Chief Executive DNG and Christine Desmond - Irish Examiner is Ted Healy, DNG Ted Healy.*

Speaking on the award Ted commented, "It is a great honour for us to be recognised by our colleagues in DNG in being named the best branch office for 2023. We are a small family run estate agency who value our clients greatly and offer the best personal service we can to our customers"

## Sinead to Fly the Irish Flag in Holland



Talented Badminton Player Sinead Galvin has been chosen to represent Ireland in the Masters Badminton at The Nations Cup, Haarlem, Amsterdam Holland.

Ireland have been drawn in Group B with Denmark and Sweden and started their journey in the tournament yesterday, Thursday 1st June.

"I want to give a big thank you to O'Donoghue Ring Collection for supporting Women in Sport and a special thanks to Denis and Marina who have been so kind at The Killarney Avenue Hotel", Sinead told Killarney Outlook.

Thanks also to Grady's Jaunting Cars for their contribution towards fundraising and to Jared @INTEGRITY Killarney gym for all the help and encouragement and getting me to my goal.

## JOHNNY REMEMBERED WITH A DONATION TO RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

The neighbours and friends of Johnny "The Rock" O'Brien who died in a fire at his home on Christmas Night have raised funds for the Ronald McDonald House.

A great community man, Johnny had planned to take part in the "Sam to the summit" charity fundraiser to support Brian Lawlor who was diagnosed with paediatric cancer in August last year.

Brian was cared for in Crumlin Children's Hospital. During Brian's long stay after initial diagnosis, and his chemotherapy stays that followed, his family were fortunate enough to secure a room in Ronald McDonald House, which is just a short walk from St John's Ward.

At Johnnies funeral, his family decided to have a collection for donations with the proceeds going to Brian who in turn has donated this cheque directly to the Ronald McDonald house charities.

"We would like to say a big thank you to all our neighbors, friends and to everyone who donated and supported the collection for Johnny." Siobhan Lawlor, Brian's mum told Killarney Outlook.



*Pictured are Davy and Margaret Hussey (sister of Johnny), presenting a cheque to Brian Lawlor of €400.*

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# It's the talk of the town...

With Anne Lucey



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in the town of Killarney



## Roll on AI

Artificial intelligence - the kind that imitates the human - is getting lots of attention these days. Full credit to the RDI hub on the Killarney Road, Killorglin, for facilitating a discussion on it with David McWilliams just months back and before it hit the headlines so strongly.

We are all half in dread of AI and the takeover by computers. But last week I came to the conclusion it might be no bad thing. That was after spending two whole afternoons in pointless conversations with a human when I was trying to access bank statements online. The problem was I could not for an unknown reason receive the bank verification code to my mobile phone to view the things. Now, surely there is an alternative, surely you can email it to me? I asked the helpline after finally getting through to a voice. No. No, alternative.

Postage was the only option. It would take a week and the cost? She had no access to this information. (It amounted up to 30 euro) The kind of intransigence I encountered set me thinking: Could a robot be any worse? What makes us human is flexibility. It is being able to assess situations and if needs be crossing out and overlooking this and introducing that. Compromise is the art of living. Taking a chance, and listening is what humans do - or at least used to do.

We are at the moment falling between two stools. On the one hand, we now have perfect tracking, gathering and box ticking. Thanks to computing. On the other hand, we are not using this programming as the mere tool it is. Instead we are being used by it. Those at the human end are terrified to steer off the sheet and to act outside the box. So, people caught by speed van machines only five kms over the speed limit get smacked with a fine just as much as those 50 kms over. It's the machine who decides, stupid! And there is no negotiating.

I see it more and more at council and other meetings - officials promptly closing down ideas on the same basis.

We have accepted and introduced systems, devised by computers and assessed largely by computers. And we continue to front them as humans - but in a slavish way.

It is difficult to reach that human voice whether it is eir or banks or state body. There

are many automated procedures to get over. And when you do succeed to the human voice, there is great relief. But the relief is short-lived. Invariably there is nothing they can do, and the frustration and near despair multiplies. Then you begin to wonder if the game is already up. And then you say, a robot, imitating a human, might actually come up with a solution and feel freer to do so.

Humans used to do that.

## Benchmarking the National Park



Beach facilities needed for Dundag.

Great to see more benches in the National Park, something this column has highlighted, thanks to a reader.

But beach facilities at Dundag, Killarney's beach, are the real benchmark during this beautiful fine weather.

It is after all only 40 years since the suggestion was first put forward at council level!

All week there are people at Dundag, often until late in the evening. They number our many Ukrainian refugees, our tourists and many regular locals all enjoying the fantastic weather and going for a dip.

There are as many at Dundag as at small coastal beaches which are all fully kitted out. Where are our facilities? With all humans, toilet facilities are much needed. There is an obvious improvised area in the rhododendron thicket to the left and it has all the signs of it with toilet paper and other material, not to mention bluebottles.

Some of the fine afternoons see up to 200 people and where else can they go?

Then there is the need for a boardwalk at Dundag as it is very difficult to walk into the water over the sharp stones.

I witnessed some clever individuals popping



Great to see more benches in the National Park

stones in a row as they left the water. If everyone contributed a stone, we would soon have a causeway. In the meantime would it not be a great idea to suggest that some of the next tranche of community funding for welcoming Ukrainian refugees would be applied for a boardwalk, toilets and showers at Dundag beach?

By the way, guess who was spotted in Muckross Gardens on Monday late afternoon: Ex Taoiseach Bertie. I have met every Taoiseach over the last 30 years and more, and Bertie is still my favourite, and by far the most down to earth and approachable. Wasn't benchmarking his idea? And 'a lot done, more to do'? Could apply to Dundag, methinks.

## E-Scooters are not meant to be on the public roads

There is some confusion over e-scooters. Recently, an attempt to ban them on greenways in Kerry failed. But the Garda press office tells me they are in fact illegal on public roads anyway. And greenways are public roads. Hats off then to Tralee FF councillor Johnny Wall who consistently raises the problem of e-scooters around Tralee.

He told a recent meeting how an elderly lady was knocked down by one and suffered a broken hip. Johnny has tracked them travelling at 30 kms an hour in and around Tralee.

The thing is E-Scooters are mechanically propelled vehicles, they go at speed and they are utterly silent.

But there is no regulation in place. I asked the Department of Transport and they said: 'Until such time as the regulations are in place to govern the use of e-scooters, the use of e-scooters on public roads and in public places will remain 'illegal'.

It is anticipated that the Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021 will be enacted and this will give the Minister for Transport power to make regulations to govern their use on public roads and in public places.



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# CHARITY BARBECUE PLANNED FOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

For an afternoon of music, song and dance Scott Street is the place to be on Bank Holiday Monday.

"It promises to provide patrons an opportunity to sing, dance a set, old time waltz and at the same time contribute to the fundraiser. (Kerry Mountain Rescue and Team Geaney and Friends in the forthcoming Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle on Saturday July 1st", Cathal Walshe, one of the organisers told Killarney Outlook.

A special dance floor will be put in place to facilitate the dancing of sets and this is an addition to the many musicians. John Nolan, Pete Fleming, Dermot Moriarty of Radio Kerry fame, Derry and Rosie Healy, Brian O Leary, Neily O'Connor, Mike Jack Cronin and many more. Please support this worthy cause as the musicians time and talent are being provided free of charge and Maurice O'Donoghue is kindly supplying the food.



## Top International Designer, Colin Horgan, to judge Style Stakes Sunday



Attending a photo-call in Listowel to officially launch the new Style Stakes Sunday on 4th of June was David Fitzmaurice, Chairman of Listowel Race Company with model Tulasi Muralee Dharan from Upfront Model Management and award winning milliner, Aoife Hannon.. Photo John Kelliher  
INSET: international fashion designer, Colin Horgan

The race is on ... to one of the highlights of the season, the 3 day Listowel Races Summer Festival Meeting from Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th over the June Bank Holiday weekend. #listowelraces  
Attending a photo-call in Listowel to officially launch the new Style Stakes Sunday on the 4th of June was the head judge of the event,

international fashion designer, Colin Horgan and Listowel Race Company Chairman David Fitzmaurice along with model Tulasi Muralee Dharan and multi award winning milliner, Aoife Hannon.

Style Stakes Sunday will be a winner alright with generous €500 cash prizes for both the Best Dressed Man and Best Dressed Lady and the first runner up in each category will also receive a luxury overnight stay in the wonderful The Montenotte Hotel Cork. So start planning your outfit now! Judging will commence on course at 1.30pm, and the overall winners will be announced in the parade ring after the 5th race.

Racing highlights over the Summer festival include the Irish EBF Median Sires Series Maiden of €25,000 on Saturday 3rd; the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Fillies Maiden of €15,000 on Sunday 4th and the Join Racing TV Now Handicap Hurdle of €22,000 on Monday 5th of June.

Other highlights include excellent corporate entertainment packages and the return of the popular Woolly Pet Farm. Admission is only €15 each day / OAP / Students: €12 and children under 12 have free admission to the race course, when accompanied by an adult. Generous group discounts also available. For more information on tickets, events visit [www.listowelraces.ie](http://www.listowelraces.ie) or call (068) 21144. To

book corporate hospitality sales@excellentchoice.ie and 021 4319398. The Listowel Races Summer Meeting is the first of two meetings at the scenic Listowel Race Course, with the second 7 day Harvest Racing Festival meeting from Sunday 17th to Saturday 23th of September 2023.

## Do you want to LEARN BASIC SKILLS TO SAVE A LIFE

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# Couples Celebrate Special Mass to honour their marriage vows

**K**illarney parishioners gathered in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday evening to celebrate their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, and 60th Wedding Anniversaries. 37 married couples attended the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, which was celebrated by Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm. Killarney Parish.

Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary were Bill & Maureen Purser, Toomore, Kilcummin.

It was a 55th Wedding Anniversary for Maurice & Peg Coffey, Coolies, Muckross, Maurice & Pauline Kelly, Park Drive, Gerald & Peggy Landers, Ard Carrig, Lewis Road, Fred & Kathleen Kenny, Pinewood Estate, John & Betty McCarthy, Ardaneanig

Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary were Albert & Phil Spillane, Park Drive, Patrick & Margaret Cronin, Ardshanavooley Estate, Patrick & Kathleen Quigley, Oughterard, Galway, Eamonn & Maura Fitzgearld, Inchicullane, Kilcummin, Billy & Honor Doyle, Woodlawn Park, John & Marie Murphy, Kilcoolaght Place, Mike & Beppie Tangney, Muckross Close, Malachy & Eileen Moynihan, Rockfield, Jim & Catherine Gleeson, Loreto Road, John & Nora Murphy, Madam's Height, Aghadoe, Dermot & Bernie Lenihan,

Inchicullane, Kilcummin, John Brendan & Kathleen Casey, Doonanmontane, Ballyheigue, Larry & Teresa O' Halloran, Cliff Road, Dromature, Ballyheigue and John & Breda Dwyer, Dromhale Close.

There were 45th Wedding Anniversary celebrations for Ray & Margaret O' Riordan, Inchicullane, Kilcummin, Dony & Betty Kelly, Crosstown, Donie & Riona O' Dowd, Dalton's Avenue, Gerard & Ann Mangan, Kilbrean.

40th Wedding Anniversary: Brendan & Noreen Cronin, Ballyhar, Michael & Mary B Cronin, Coolroe East, Ballyhar.

35th Wedding Anniversary: Andy & Sheila Goulding, Woodford Manor, Denis & Kay Carroll, Two Mile.

Celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary were: Joanne and Mike Pierce, Deireadh Coille, Woodlawn, Kieran & Ann-Marie O' Connor, Ballaugh, Beaufort, Martin & Pamela Walshe, Coolcorcoran, Patrick & Hann Majella O' Donoghue, Abbeycross, Muckross, Tally & Kellie Noble, Westerly RI, USA.

25th Wedding Anniversary Sean & Maria Casey, Clasheen, Killarney, Paul & Tara O' Donoghue, Spa Cross, Upper Tiernaboul, Kieran & Amanda O' Brien, Adderdare Lodge, Parkavonear, Aghadoe and Tom & Michelle Byrne, Upper Lewis Road.

Killarney parishioners who celebrate their 40th and 45th Wedding Anniversary, they were joined by 37 married couples at the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, at St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening. The special mass was celebrated by Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm. Killarney Parish. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Paul & Tara O' Donoghue, Kieran & Amanda O' Brien who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary pictured with Fr. Kieran. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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# 'CONDITION ORANGE' – HIGH FIRE RISK ISSUED



Sean Noonan, left and Mark Campion, Members of Killarney Meitheal working group on fire guarding patrol - overlooking Killarney National Park at Aghadoe viewing point this week. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

**T**he National Parks and Wildlife Service has appealed to the public not to light fires or barbecues in public places. The NPWS has increased ground crews on fire patrol and ramped up aerial monitoring with helicopters and drones. Early Summer is a precious time for wildlife and their vulnerable young, especially ground-nesting birds and mammals who are now rearing their young.

This appeal is following a 'Condition Orange' – High Fire Risk. Be Prepared, issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, valid until 06/06/2023

Condition Orange will generally derive from extended periods of low precipitation, moderate relative humidity and low to moderate wind

conditions which have the capacity to significantly increase the risk of wildfire initiation and spread.

The Director General of the NPWS, Niall Ó Donnchú, has also asked for everybody's cooperation to protect nature and said:

"While NPWS has increased ground crews and monitoring from the air this week, we still need to enlist your help to protect nature at this high risk time. We ask that members of the public not light fires or barbecues in any National Parks or Nature Reserves, or indeed in nature generally. We are also asking that the public be vigilant and report any fire activity without delay."

## TWO IN A ROW for Talented Seán

**A** talented artist from Milltown has secured a national title for the second year in a row.

Seán O Sullivan from Nagle Rice Primary School in Milltown won the Green schools water poster competition last week in Dublin. He was both the regional and national winner for the junior primary school age competition. This was amazingly his second year in a row winning the prize.

Ireland's young water champion Seán was presented with his award at the annual Green School Water Awards hosted by An Taisce Green-Schools and Uisce Éireann at Castleknock Hotel, Dublin

**Photographer: 1IMAGE/Bryan Brophy**



## Family Festival will go ahead in Tralee town centre

**F**ollowing the recent announcement by the Rose of Tralee International Festival Committee, management from Kerry County Council met with the Festival Committee on Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday morning, the Tralee Municipal District Members were updated on the current position by the Chief Executive.

Tralee Municipal District wishes to state that they are fully supportive of the continuation of the street events in the Town Centre and will be

working over the coming weeks with the local business community and organisations to ensure that this great county festival will continue to provide the family events and activities that it is renowned for.

The street festival and family activities form an integral part of the Festival in Tralee, and Kerry County Council has traditionally been a strong promoter of family-orientated festivals.



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## Garda Records Music Video for 100K in 30 Days for breast cancer in aid of The Marie Keating Foundation

A Garda based in Tralee, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, has created a music video inspired by Elton John. Mary Gardiner, a mum of three, originally from Bishopstown in Cork, has released the video to coincide with 100K in 30 Days for breast cancer in aid of The Marie Keating Foundation. The event takes place over the month of June. Registrations are open now at [www.100kin30days.ie](http://www.100kin30days.ie).

Also starring in the video are 10 women who all have their own experiences of breast cancer. One of them is Stephanie Blake, a mother of three boys, who is Mary's right-hand woman.

"When I was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2022, I played Elton John's song I'm Still Standing to my children. I said that it was going to be my come back song. I've listened to it for the last year and a half as the song has real meaning. I can really relate to the lyrics", Mary said.

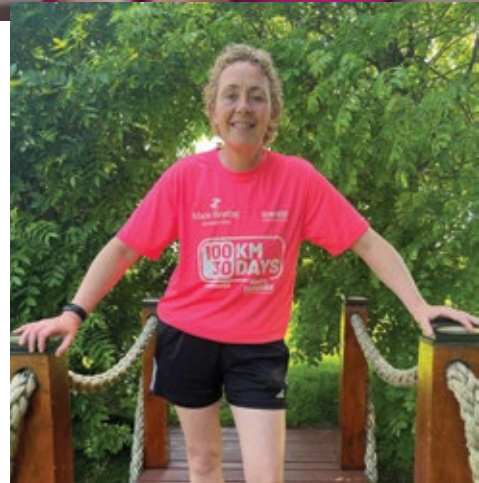
"I'm still off work but in 2020, I did the Jerusalem video with An Garda Síochána and thought another video would be a bit of fun. If it brings a smile to people's faces, I'm happy. I have 10 brilliant women in the video with me who either all had breast cancer or are going through treatment at the minute. I met some of them through our chemotherapy sessions and kept in touch. When I asked them to take part in the video, they were just thrilled. We also have cameos from Pat Spillane, Billy Keane and Elaine Kinsella and I'm so thankful for their support. I also want to thank Timmy Dowd who produced and edited the video. He didn't know what he was letting himself in for!"

Mary was diagnosed with breast cancer in

January 2022 and started chemotherapy the following month for four months. She had a mastectomy last June and finished all of her treatment in February 2023.

"I took part in 100K in 30 Days last year while going through treatment and it really kept me going. Two days after I signed up, people had donated €4,500 and by the time I'd finished, I'd raised €40,000. The day after I finished, I went to Cork for my mastectomy, I was exhausted and needed the rest! I can't wait to do 100K in 30 Days again in June and I'd love everyone to join me to create as much awareness as possible for breast cancer and also raise as much funds as possible for a very worthy cause. As I say, I have cancer but I'm not cancer," said Gardiner.

100K in 30 Days have teamed up with the Marie Keating Foundation to support their vital breast cancer services. Marie Keating lost her life to breast cancer 25 years and her son Ronan Keating will be running 100K across the 30 days of June to raise awareness and show support for the Foundation he and his siblings set up in her name. Also taking part in 100K in 30 Days is Ronan's wife Storm, children Missy and Jack, Dancing with the Stars Judge Arthur Gourounlian, Today FM presenter Dara Quilty, broadcasters Glenda Gilson, Norah Casey, Laura Woods and Anna Daly, to name but a few. 2023 is the fourth year of the event and to date over €4million has been raised for breast cancer services in Ireland, including the state-



Mary Gardiner has created a music video to coincide with 100k in 30 Days for Breast Cancer.

of-the-art Clinical Trial Centre in the new Breast Centre at Beaumont Hospital.

Some of the breast cancer services provided by the Marie Keating Foundation that will benefit from this year's event include their community nursing service, Schools Cancer Awareness Programme, Comfort Fund, BRCA Peer To Peer Support, Survive and Thrive Programmes and Positive Living Workshops supporting the Cancer Community at every step. You can register for the event at [www.100kin30days.ie](http://www.100kin30days.ie).

## St. Anthony's Novena starts this weekend

The Solemn Novena in honour of St. Anthony will take place at the Franciscan Friary from Sunday 4th June to Monday 12th June.

This year's director of the mission is Fr Damien Casey OFM who is from the Merchants Quay Community, Dublin and heworks as full time chaplain to Mater Hospital. Fr Damien is the Director of the National Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. In previous years has preached



the St. Anthony's Novena in Merchants Quay and Athlone. Br Pat Guardian here at the Killarney Friary is looking forward to welcoming Fr Damien and hopes the novena will be a busy a precious years.

"We look forward to welcoming our parishioners from near and far to honour our wonderful St Antony who is a favourite too so many", Fr. Pat told Killarney Outlook.

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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
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7.00pm Reconciliation Service

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.00am Mass & 7.00pm Student Mass

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.00am Mass & 7.00pm Mass

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.00am Mass  
Corpus Christi Procession (Begins with 6.15pm Mass in Cathedral, Lends with Benediction & Novena prayers in Friary)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.00am Mass & 7.00pm Mass

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.00am Mass & 7.00pm Mass

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
11.30am Mass followed by Blessing of Expectant Mothers  
6.00pm Holy Hour

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.00am Mass  
7.00pm Healing Service with Adoration & Anointing of the Sick

*Feast of St. Anthony 13<sup>th</sup> June*

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# Celebrating

## 20 YEARS KENYA EDUCATION PROJECT



*Lunchtime in Embulbul.*

*Eddie Sheehy looks back at two decades of work in Kenya*

The Kenya Education Project is celebrating its 20th year of work in the village of Embulbul, Kenya. What started out as a visit by a nurse and three teachers in 2003 to a newly created parish on the outskirts of Nairobi has developed into a registered charity involved in the education of young people at primary and secondary level. There, many families live in challenging conditions of poor housing, unemployment and slum conditions where there is an absence of basic services such as running water, electricity, sewerage and waste disposal. The first primary school consisted of corrugated sheds alongside a noisy busy road with dust often drifting into the classrooms. Teaching and learning was a challenge then with overcrowded classrooms and a lack of basic teaching aids which we take for granted here in Ireland. In those early years of involvement a sponsorship programme was set up by the school to enable needy students to get an education. The Kenya Education Project sponsored approximately 15 students at a cost of 100 euro per student. This sponsorship has been highly sought after as it guaranteed recipients a hot meal each



school day as well as books and school equipment. Needy children were also helped through the provision of a school uniform.

Within a year a secondary school opened to serve the needs of the families who could not afford to send their children to boarding school, private school or government schools, all of which required money to avail of them.

A yearly table quiz and a collection in fossa church were the chief fundraisers for the project. These enabled the sponsored programme commitment to increase over the succeeding years to a situation where today 85 students are sponsored, some at primary level, others at secondary level. As well as this commitment a number of students are helped with fees for university or colleges of further education. This increased involvement is a reflection of the increasing funds which the project has received. A notable source of support comes from schools in the Killarney area and throughout Kerry. Many schools in the Killarney area give generously to the project each year through a variety of fundraising activities such as no uniform days, sports events, contributions from Communion and Confirmation classes, Easter parades, Halloween events and Christmas Carol singing.



*Eddie pictured at the new Biofuel system in the village.*



*A gift from Ireland.*

The interaction with students on school visits is heartening, leading to many questions and discussion on education and living conditions in both parts of the world. The annual coffee morning has been a great success. This helps to provide a summer camp for 30 children from the village during holiday time. Donations from the Business community, Community groups and individual donations keep providing educational opportunities for children who face multiple challenges on a daily basis. Without this generous support on so many fronts the work of the project could not continue.

The project has sponsored a feeding programme in the village for a number of years to give children a hot meal 5 evenings per week. Upwards of 60 children avail of this vital service ensuring that they receive one hot meal per day. Many attend schools that do not provide food at lunchtime. With rising food and fuel costs it is becoming more expensive to sustain the programme but thankfully some generous donors from the Business sector in Killarney are ensuring its continued viability.

Over a number of years links with the local St. Vincent De Paul group have strengthened and helps to provide assistance in practical ways to needy families in the village through the gifting of clothes, footwear, food donations and financial support in meeting emergency medical needs as attending hospitals for treatment can really challenge a family's resources. On visiting homes in the village the conditions people live in can be clearly seen. Older men and women who have no pension or other state supports often living alone, depend on charity and neighbourly support. Water, an essential and a basic human need has to be bought each day by village dwellers.



*Daire and Eddie Sheehy pictured back in 2008 at the entrance to the school.*

People often ask if changes can be seen in the 20 years. For sure the provision of the schools has given a lift to the area. 300 students attend secondary and 360 in primary employ a staff of 33 with a further 32 ancillary staff. New families have moved into the area. The cost of renting rooms has increased and land is increasing in value. This has resulted in the loss of the much loved and used football pitch to commercial and residential use. The Chinese government has invested heavily in infrastructure in the country. Streets, road and rail links have been improved. The effects of climate change were seen recently with continued heavy rains causing flooding in homes in the village. This has led to the destruction of property and soil erosion. The school is striving to be self-sustaining, rearing a dairy herd on the school grounds and

building a biofuel facility, using the animal waste to provide energy and so reduce the dependence on wood when cooking for 700 each school day. Education is a gateway out of poverty for all, but many have to wait to access further education and training, resulting in much youth unemployment in a country where population has grown to 46 million since independence. Wages are low. Life continues to be challenging, especially for older men and women facing medical treatment and care without any state support when a crisis emerges in their lives. School fees are an on-going challenge for families and many sacrifices are made to ensure children receive an education.



*Recent flooding in the village.*

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Thanks to everybody who has generously supported the work of the project since 2003.



Philip Kissane and his daughter Abbie pictured with Breda Dyland (right) and Trish Kelly (left) from Kerry Cancer Support Group.



**M**onday June 4th will mark a special day for marathon runner Philip Kissane from Killarney.

Following the completion of four half marathons, Philip will undertake the a full marathon when he participates in the Cork City Marathon. Philip has undertaken the task to raise funds for the Kerry Cancer Support Group and has to date almost raised €2,000.

"I have completed 4 Half Marathons, running on each consecutive Sunday in the month of May with the main run being the Run Killarney event

marathon in Cork", Breda said.

"We are delighted with Philips continued fundraising support but also with his awareness raising for the charity. We are getting busier all the time and still get no statutory funding so are dependent on fundraisers like Philip to keep us on the road. We have just put our new wheelchair accessible bus on the Cork route so Philips funding will be going towards the operation of this vehicle", Breda added.

## PHILIP RUNS FOR THE BUS

on the 13th May 2023 running through the scenic national parks of Killarney, followed by the 5th week taking part in the Cork City Full Marathon on the 4th of June 2023", Philip told Killarney Outlook.

"I've chosen to fundraise for Kerry Cancer Support Group who do incredible work. All funds raised here will go directly to this great cause. I hope you can help me by donating whatever you can. Simply click on <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/PhilipKissane> to donate with all donations are processed securely", Philip added.

Speaking at Killarney House on Sunday, Breda Dyland from Kerry Cancer Support Group said that Philip supported the charity in 2021 when he did four half marathons at various locations around Killarney finishing with the Run Killarney event.

"This time he has upped the ante and has already completed four half marathons around Killarney and is topping it all off this weekend by running the full

## GOLFERS PLAY IN PINK FOR CANCER AWARENESS



Sinead Galvin, Peg Wickham and Lorna O'Leary playing in pink at Killarney Golf Club on Sunday.



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By Billy Ryle

## EXAM TIME

With the state exams beginning next Wednesday, 7th June, for about 134,800 Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle candidates, this is the final weekend for major revision. Stick to your study plan on Saturday and Sunday. Concentrate on subjects being examined during the first week. As the exams run into the subsequent weeks, the optional subjects are nicely spaced out allowing for study days.

## PRIORITISE

Leaving Cert candidates should prioritise last minute work in English, Home Economics, Engineering, Geography and Mathematics Paper One and get it done by Sunday night. Likewise Junior Cycle candidates should do the same in English, Religious Education, Irish, History, Geography and Maths. On Monday, concentrate on the tips and predictions for subjects being examined the first week. Don't cram on the days before the exam as this may cause confusion and fatigue.

## SKIM

Spent an hour or two on Tuesday skimming over your notes for Wednesday's exams and leave it at that. Some relaxed leisure will be more beneficial than spending the day cramming material that you may not recall anyway. You need a clear and alert mind going into the exams on Wednesday morning.

## NOTES

On the evening before each paper spend an hour or so looking over your notes so that the important concepts and ideas are fresh in your mind. Heavy study sessions on the night prior to any paper are not a good idea as you will be exhausted the following morning. Instead, relax and get a good night's rest. Put all thoughts of the following day's exam out of your mind. If you find it difficult to sleep, try a little non-academic reading for a short while.

## EQUIPMENT

Over the next few days check your equipment and assemble your exam materials – black or blue biros, pencils, ruler, eraser, drawing instruments, calculator and so on. Have at least two biros or fountain pens in case one doesn't work properly. It's time, too, to organise your personal needs such as a watch and tissues.

## RELAX

A few nerves are normal on the first day so be prepared to deal with it. A relaxation exercise or maybe a shower to freshen up will do the trick. Eat a nutritious breakfast as you'll need the extra reserves of energy. Finally, go through your equipment checklist before leaving home.

## CENTRE

On Wednesday morning arrive at the exam centre at least a half hour before the exam begins. For all subsequent exams be present about fifteen minutes before the appointed time. Spend the few minutes before entering the exam centre on your own in peace and quiet. At all costs, avoid groups that are involved in last minute revision. If you need to, use the bathroom before you enter the exam centre. Be in your seat a few moments before the exam is due to begin. Synchronise your watch with the clock on the wall and use your watch or the clock to help you pace your work.

## DESK

Check your seat and desk for firmness and stability. A shaky desk will torment you and distract you during the exam. When the answer book is distributed, fill in the required details and read the directions. When you receive your question paper read the instructions carefully in case there is any change of format. Don't be put off by your first glance at the paper. It's new and it will look unfamiliar at first. Once the exam begins, keep to your prepared answering plan and address the questions which are asked.

## REMAIN

If you finish a paper before the time is up, do not leave the exam centre. Recheck your work and extra information may come to you. Attempt an extra question only when you have thoroughly answered the previous questions. Once an exam is over, spend as little time as possible on a post-mortem. Focus on the next paper and when the entire exam is over, forget about it and enjoy your summer. There is no advantage in dwelling on what might have been. Be happy and satisfied that you have done your best. Good luck to all candidates starting exams next week.

## CHECKLIST

- Concentrate on subjects being examined in the first week
- Complete major revision by Sunday night
- In a relaxed study session on Monday concentrate on tips and predictions
- On Tuesday just skim over your revision notes for an hour or two
- Have a clear and alert mind going into each exam
- Arrange the equipment and materials you will need for the exams
- Organise your personal needs such as a watch and tissues
- Spend the few minutes before entering the exam centre in peace and quiet
- Be in your seat a few minutes before the start of each exam
- Check that your seat and desk are firm and steady
- Read the instructions carefully
- Know what to expect but be prepared for the unexpected
- Use all the time available to you
- Once an exam is over, avoid protracted post-mortems
- The exams are a marathon rather than a sprint
- Eat well during the exams when you'll need lots of energy
- Avoid over-exposure to the blistering sun
- Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Take regular aerobic exercise during the exam period
- Exam timetables are available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)
- Leaving Cert results will be published on Friday, 25th August
- CAO Round One offers will be available at 2pm on Wed., 30th August
- Good luck to everybody doing exams.

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## Weather Alert

In the current heatwave, it's imperative for all exam candidates to avoid over-exposure to the blistering sun and to stay hydrated. Enjoy your swim, but resist the temptation of lengthy sunbathing sessions and take lots of cold drinks. It's difficult to resist the glorious weather but be sensible and careful. Apply sun block, wear sunglasses and a hat with a wide brim. It will be worth it if you avoid sunburn and if you go into the exams full of energy.

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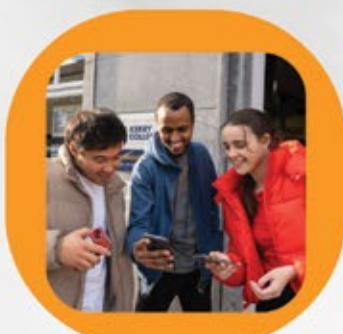
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**DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE:** Dr. Gary McGowan MB BCH BAO BSC pictured at his graduation in Medicine from University College Cork on Friday last. He is pictured with his family, sister Rachel and parents Gerry and Julie.



**RED CROSS FUNDRAISER:** The staff of Muckross Garden Restaurant, and Trustees of Muckross House, Killarney, raised €2000 for Red Cross Earthquake Appeal at a recent coffee morning at the restaurant. The appeal is to support those in need following one of the most powerful quakes in Turkey and Syria in at least a century. Over 2,300 have been killed as hundreds of buildings collapsed, and thousands more have been injured. Fidelma McCarthy, Julie Arriagada, Hanora Brosnan, Joanne Spillane, Colin Baker, Restaurant Manager, and Annmarie Casey. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Laura O'Shea (right) pictured with her parents Paddy and Mary O'Shea and her sister Emily at her 30th Birthday celebrations in The Caddyshack on Saturday night.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Laura O'Shea pictured with family and friends at her 30th Birthday celebrations in The Caddyshack on Saturday night.



**KATE'S SPECIAL DAY:** Kate Doyle who celebrated her first holy communion recently. Pictured with her Parents Padraig and Christina. Picture : Conor Healy



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Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Urban 2 Final:

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Fossa NS 6-6 Firies NS 6-3

A highly fancied Fossa outfit were pushed all the way by their East Kerry opponents in this Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Urban 2 final. Firies got off to the perfect start while wind assisted and notched the opening goal through Isabel O Connor from an early attack. Danielle Brosnan and Muireann Galvin added points before Isabelle Lyons opened the scoring for Fossa. Ava Harty landed a Fossa goal but Isabel O Connor responded with Firie's second goal. Eimear Corbett landed the third bit the Fossa girls scored two vital goals before the break through Isabelle Lyons and a second from Ava Harty. The half-time score was 3-2 to 3-1 in favour of Firies. The second half was again highly exciting and entertaining with a flurry of goals at either end of the pitch as neither team could open up a decent lead. The fans were kept engaged right up to the final whistle. Muireann Galvin, captain Abbie Prendiville and Sophie Doona raised the green flag for the girls from Firies while Fossa responded with majors from Ava Harty and two quick fire strikes from Lyons. Both sides were giving everything with Eimear Corbett, Grace Barry and Molly Kelly working hard for S.N. na Foithre while Fleur O' Neill, Ada O' Leary and Ava Harty were driving on the girls from S.N. An Fhosaidh. The efforts of both goalkeepers Saoirse Teahan for Firies and Beibhinn Kelly for Fossa must also be noted as both pulled off outstanding saves at various stages of the game. In the end, it was the scoring prowess of Fossa full-forward Isabelle Lyons (tally of 3-6) that would prove the difference as her side



came out on top.

Fossa N.S. Beibhinn Kiely, Doireann O'Connor, Fleur O'Neill, Abigail O'Mahony, Ayla Keogh, Ada O'Leary, Lexie Griffin, Emma O'Connor (C), Lily Fogarty, Callie Cummins, Ava Harty, Eve O'Halloran, Andrea Leech, Isabelle Lyons, Elise Brunner Subs: Grace Collins, Ciara Vaughan, Sophie Looney, Eva Collins, Kate Brosnan, Jane Byrne, Alannah O'Connor, Gemma Chkheidze, Emma Hallissey, Zara McCarthy, Bea Alvarez  
 Firies N.S.: Saoirse Teahan, Millie Brosnan, Roisin O'Mahony, Sofia Brosnan, Sienna Bais, Abbie Prendiville (C), Aoife McKenna, Eimear Corbett, Grace Barry, Aoibhín O'Flaherty, Muireann Galvin, Molly Kelly, Danielle Brosnan, Isabel O'Connor, Sophie Doona Subs: Ava O'Sullivan, Emma O'Callaghan, Emily O'Neill, Maisy O'Sullivan, Leanne Collins, Eimear Spring, Alison Bradley.

## Bon Jour....

## Tiernaboul Students Learn French



Students who took part in the Modern Languages Initiative in Primary Schools at Tiernaboul N.S. with French tutor Hélène Olivier Courtney from 'French for All', Killarney School of French over the past 8 weeks.

Children in 5th and 6th classes at Tiernaboul N.S. marked the completion of 8 weeks of the Say Yes to Languages Modern Languages Sampler, the national initiative organised by Post Primary Language Ireland (PPLI) with a little celebration of all things French. A crème de la crème banquet of French foods including croissants, baguettes, crepes and brie was just the right way to complete the sampler 'en beauté' before saying 'Au revoir' to French teacher Hélène Olivier-Courtney, from 'French For All', Killarney School of French. This initiative promotes an inclusive and proactive approach to make this language journey meaningful and enjoyable. The children

in 5th and 6th classes in Tiernaboul N.S. not only got a taste of the French language but also of the French and francophone culture. Songs, projects and games and artistic activities were all part of this enjoyable programme. The school applied for the Language Sampler last year and were delighted to be selected as one of the schools to run it. The success of the initiative relies on an a school-wide approach and the active involvement of class teachers, SNAs and management. Ms. Karol Fleming, class teacher, Ms. Fiona Cronin SNA and Ms. Maria Breen, principal certainly helped make this new language journey a special and enjoyable experience for all the children!



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# GAYBO WAS THE MAN

By Nicky Barry

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with the controversial,  
And discussed sexual matters,  
as if it was quite normal.  
He gave many entertainers,  
their first gig on TV,  
And I know this personally,  
for one of them was me.  
He got Bishop Casey to sing,  
and also featured Annie Murphy,  
And gave Terry Keane a chance,  
to expose Charlie Haughey.  
Then he gave Mayo's Pee Flynn,  
enough rope to hang himself,  
And introduced Boyzone to us,  
and U2 when young whelps.  
He helped Ireland to grow up,  
and then he gave it up,  
And so Pat Kenny got the gig,  
until he too had enough.  
It was the job they all wanted,  
as thee star on TV,  
And then out of an ambitious pack,  
came Ryan Tubridy.  
Tubs did it for fourteen years,  
but decided he would go,  
And comic Patrick Kielty, will now  
host the Late Late Show.  
Many media high-rollers, just did not  
want to know,  
So here's hoping that the Down man,  
can emulate Gaybo!



## Rathmore Students awarded Amber Flag for Mental Health Promotion



Members of the Student Wellbeing Team who received and raised the Amber Flag from Pieta House recently, pictured here with principal, Denis Kerins, Guidance Counsellor Niamh Dwyer and teacher Aoiffe Hickey.

**The Student Wellbeing Team in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra were delighted to receive the news last week that they have been awarded the Amber Flag from Pieta House for their work promoting wellbeing in the school for students and staff.**

The group which consists of students from 1st to 5th year took part in Headstrong Training with Cycle Against Suicide at the start of the year to understand the importance of focusing on student wellbeing and how work as a group on this.

They met throughout the year as a group and were supported by Niamh Dwyer, Guidance Counsellor and teacher Aoiffe Hickey to organise various mental health awareness events and wellbeing activities for different year groups and staff.

As well as raising the Amber Flag to mark the end of the school year, the Student Wellbeing Team members have all received 'Mental Health Hero' Certificates from Pieta House and Certificates of Participation from Cycle Against Suicide. They are hoping to be awarded the Ambassador School Award from Cycle Against Suicide in September when recipients are announced. The students are looking forward to continuing this important focus on wellbeing for all in the school community during the next school year. "We are very proud of all of the students and grateful for their important work, effort and enthusiasm throughout the year in promoting mental health and wellbeing awareness in SPS," said principal, Denis Kerins.

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Some of the sixth year students at their Graduation Mass celebration at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Cormac O'Donoghue, Eoghan Crowley, Colin O'Callaghan and Kelvin O'Sullivan at the St Brendan's Sixth Year Graduation Mass celebration at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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## KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan



Cillian Miley (Captain) (left) and Jakub Hyciek



Mastergeeha U15 who won the Shield at the weekend

### ➤KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CEMETERY MASSES

Cemetery Masses will be celebrated in Holy Cross on Wednesday 5th July @ 8pm; & Old Kilcummin on Wednesday 2nd Aug @ 8pm. Please pass on these dates to family & friends outside the parish.

### ➤KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to Knock is on Saturday 17th June leaving Kilcummin village @7am, stopping in Gort, Co. Galway on the way up and down for food/refreshments. For bookings and more information please contact Kilcummin P.O.

### ➤KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

#### ATHLETICS EVENTS

Athletics events were held last Tuesday evening. Well done to all who participated and wish all the successful participants the best of luck as they proceed to the County finals in Castleisland on 24th & 25th of June. Training session will be held soon please keep an eye on Community Games Facebook page

#### FUNDRAISING

Kilcummin Community Games will hold a flag day in Killarney on Saturday 17th June from 10am to 6pm. We are asking parents/guardians to donate an hour or two of their time to ensure the day runs successfully. Can all those willing to help call Helen @ Kilcummin Rural Development on 064 6643357 with hours of availability, or message Kilcummin Community Games Facebook page. Many thanks for your continued support.

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Ruairi O'Donoghue (2) Conor Warren (1) Shane Daly (1) Our Bs finished off a remarkable season for the U15s with a fantastic win in the Shield in a sun drenched Tralee on Saturday evening. The win was the final part of a Quadruple for the squad. 39 players played their part in an amazing season which saw the group collect the following:

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Special thanks to coaches Jason, Mike & Tim for everything this season.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner on 26th May 2023 of the Jackpot for €3,600. Numbers drawn were 5, 11, 12, 20. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Nicola O'Connor online; Marie O'Leary online; Seán Lenihan c/o J. Lenihan; B & T O'Sullivan c/o Post Office. The next draw will be Friday 2nd June for Jackpot of €3,800.

## SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

### ➤LOTTO

29/5/2023. Jackpot €7,600. Numbers Drawn 6, 8, 14, 20. No winner. Lucky Dips €50 each to Mary Ann Healy c/o Eileen Hickey. Susan Waters Online. Daniel Breen, Listowel. Patrick Doody, Coolgarraive. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW IS ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE for a jackpot of €7,800

### ➤ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes please contact the club PRO on 085 7762411 or pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie before 8pm on Sundays

## LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

### ➤LOTTO

Numbers drawn 15,18, 24, 26. €100 - Danno Coffey, Dromin. €50 - Betty McCarthy, Milltown. €50 - Mary O Sullivan, Rockfield. €25 - Dave Mac. €25 -Mgt Doherty, Listry.

### ➤SENIORS

Best of luck to our senior team and management who play Fossa away on Sunday 4th June at 2PM.

### ➤U13

Both the A and B teams will play Lee strand count league semi finals on Sunday 4th June opponents tbc.

### ➤KERRY

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## GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

## &gt;CONDOLANCES

Glenflesk GAA offer our sincere condolences to Patie O Donoghue, Joan and DD, Donagh and Diane and all the extended family of Eileen who passed away at the weekend. May her soul rest in peace.

## &gt;LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 15/ 5/ 2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,600 The numbers drawn were : 14, 19, 23, 24. Consolation Prizes of €50: 1. Maura O'Leary ( On Line Ticket) 2. Mike Griffin, Cromane. 3. Brendan Brosnan (Sellers' Prize) 4. Diarmuid O' Donoghue, Rusheenmore, ( Yearly Ticket) Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on

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Best wishes to Jamie Moynihan and Calum Cronin and the Kerry minor team in the Munster Final in Austin Stack Park Tralee on Friday 2nd June at 7.30.

Children from The Macademy Killarney pictured on stage during the performance of Matilda The Musical at the INEC, Killarney last week.  
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## BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

### >FIXTURES

Senior men will be away to Milltown/Castlemaine, Wednesday, 31st at 7.45pm in round 8, Co League, Division 6 and home to Laune Rangers on Sunday, 4th June at 2pm in Co League, round 8, Division 2

### >RESULTS

Beaufort 1.12 Scartaglin 3.07 in Development league

### >GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort G.A.A. Club annual golf classic will be held on Friday, 16th June in Beaufort Golf Club. The main sponsor is MF Decorating. It is a three-person team event, two best Stableford scores at each hole, Markers white (men). Entry fee is €200 per team. Tee box sponsorship is also available for €50. For more information and to book team or tee box, please contact Colm at 087 6737414.

### >LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €13,200 on Sunday, 28th May. Numbers: 8, 9, 17, 23. Consolation Prizes: €80 Carol McGowan, Black Valley. €50 Jack O'Leary, Killarney, Marguerite O'Sullivan, Brookhill, Michael Brosnan, Kilgobnet. Next draw for a lotto jackpot of €13,400 will be on Sunday, 11th June in Beaufort Bar. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto

>GOOD LUCK to Mike Breen, Kerry senior men and management in

their second round Championship game against Cork on Saturday, 3rd at 3pm in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

### >GAA GREEN CLUB INITIATIVE

Beaufort GAA Club has been accepted into Phase 2, GAA Green Clubs programme. The Club must complete two initiatives from energy, biodiversity, travel, water or waste over two years. If any member want to help, please contact the Club at 087 9975737.

More information can be found at: <https://greenclubs.gaa.ie/>

### >MATCH REPORT

Our minor ladies, sponsored by Anthony Foley Decorating had their third outing of the Division 4, county league at home to Ballyduff on Wednesday evening, 24th May. Both teams started off very well, Ballyduff were lucky to get a goal in the opening few minutes but Beaufort reacted and went on to kick some powerful scores. Beaufort were the stronger side especially in the second quarter. Half time score Beaufort 2:09 Ballyduff 1:05.

They worked tremendously hard up to the final whistle where the game ended on a score line of Beaufort 5:17 Ballyduff 1:10.

It was an amazing team performance from our minor ladies and we look forward to their next outing.

## RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

### >RATHMORE GAA CLUB LOTTO

Monday May 22nd 2023. Jackpot Winner (€20,800). Numbers: 5, 17, 27, 29. Huge Congratulations to our Jackpot Winner, Daniel Nagle, Rathbeg

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>KNOCKNAGREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP CLG ARE HOLDING A SPINATHON FUNDRAISER on Saturday June 3rd from 10am to 10pm in the Fairfield to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Community Hall. If you would like to donate some funds, donations can be made online on both Social Media Platforms, Facebook and Instagram. Donations can also be given on the day or speak directly to Noreen on 0876270806 or Mairead on 0876427520.

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### >CEMETERY MASS

Friday 2nd June: Mass in St. Mary's Cemetery at 7.30pm

Sunday 11th June: Corpus Christi Procession after 11.30 am. Mass Killaha Graveyard Mass will take place on Monday 12th June at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 13th June: Mass in Drishane Cemetery at 7.30pm.

Thursday 15th June: Mass in Cullen Cemetery at 7.30pm

Friday 23rd June: Mass in St. John's Well at 8pm

Thursday 27th July: Mass in Cullen Old Cemetery

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>ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY in Knock Saturday 3rd June at 1pm.

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>SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCE Hibernian Hotel, Mallow Bank Holiday Monday Afternoon 5th June 3 – 5.30pm Dermot Lyons Band. Organised by John Joe Herlihy Dances 087 9735113

### >DIOCESE COLLECTION

The annual collection for the Family Services & Accord will take place on this weekend 3rd/4th June. Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website [www.rathmoreparish.ie](http://www.rathmoreparish.ie) or drop into the Parish Office

>EXAM MASS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Mass for Exam Intentions on (Bank Holiday) Monday June 5th at 11am June

### >NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes please email Micha2wel O'Mahony ([momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com)) or ring or text 087-6676817 before 6pm. Sunday.

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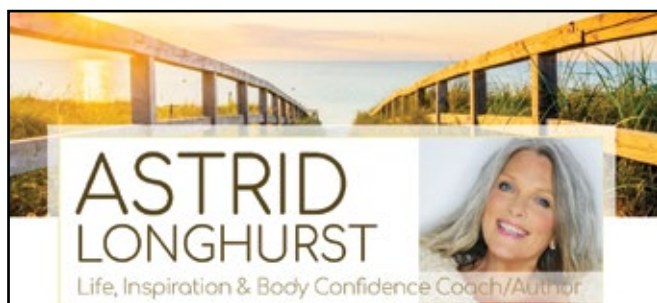
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If you find it difficult to sleep on your back do not sacrifice a good nights sleep as this will be more damaging to your skin. Explore different sleeping positions and invest in a silk pillowcase to allow your skin

slide instead of stretching against the pillow. There are special pillows and masks to support your face while you sleep.

Try to massage your face when you wake up and exercise to increase blood flow to your face and body. Apply a cold compress or tea bags to the eyes to stimulate and plump your skin.

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**UV-A**  
can hurt your central vision. It can damage the macula, a part of the retina at the back of your eye.

**UV-B**  
The front part of your eye (the cornea and the lens) absorbs most UV-B rays, but these rays may cause even more damage to your eyes than UV-A rays.

### WHAT EYE PROBLEMS CAN UV RAYS CAUSE?

#### Macular Degeneration

UV rays may lead to macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss for older people.

#### Cataract

UV rays, especially UV-B rays, may also cause some kinds of cataracts. A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens, the part of the eye that focuses the light we see.

#### Pterygium

Another UV-related problem is a growth called pterygium. This growth begins on the white of the eye and may involve the cornea.

Eventually, the growth may block vision. It is more common in people who work outside in the sun and wind.

#### Skin Cancer

Skin cancer around the eyelids is also linked to prolonged UV exposure.

#### Corneal Sunburn

Corneal sunburn, called photokeratitis, is the result of high short-term exposure to UV-B rays. Long hours at the beach or skiing without proper eye protection can cause this problem. It can be very painful and may cause temporary vision loss.

#### Protecting your eyes from the sun

If you are spending time outdoors, especially in the summer or on holidays abroad, make sure that you and your children have good quality, dark sunglasses with UV protection. Look for the British Standard (BS EN ISO 12312-1:2013) or the CE mark, which is the manufacturer's assurance that the sunglasses have been made to the appropriate safety standards. You can also protect your eyes by making sure to wear a hat with a brim or a sun visor in bright sunlight.

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**KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB****GOLF CLASSIC**

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**TAG TUESDAYS IS BACK**

We are delighted to announce that Tag rugby is back for the summer at Aghadoe. Tag rugby takes place every Tuesday between 7pm and 9pm and no experience is needed and great fun is guaranteed. Simply pop along and bring a friend! Each tag rugby session costs only €5. For further details give Ger a shout on 087-1240365

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**FOSSA ROWING CLUB****TRAINING**

Anyone interested in training for Killarney Regatta, taking place on the 25th of June, please call to the Old Church in Fossa on Mondays at 7:00pm.

**GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB****LOTTO**

No winner of our lotto draw 26/05/2023, numbers drawn were 2, 14, 25 & 26. Sellers prize winner Timmie Brosnan. €50 y/t prize winner Tim Teahan Kilsarcon. €50 to Edel Lehane on line. €40 to Luke Scollard Scartaglin, Francis Brosnan Tureenamult & Thomas O' Donoghue Lisheen. Bonus not won, numbers drawn were 3, 14, 23 & 29.

**KERRY RACING NEWS**

Oisin Murphy notched up his first success at the Curragh when winning the Group 2 Weatherbys Ireland Greenlands Stakes on Art Power on Saturday. Trained by Tim Easterby, the six-year-old made three wins from as many starts at the course as he raced to a four and three-parts of a length win over the Charles O'Brien-trained Big Gossey at odds of 2/1 joint-favourite. The winner also has a victory to his name at Naas and remains unbeaten in four Irish starts.

**MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB****EXAMS**

Best of luck to all our members sitting their State exams over the coming weeks.

**METRO REGATTA**

Congratulations to our Mens J18 Quad (Daniel

Oisin Murphy with his Curragh winner Art Power and his connections.  
Photo: Patrick McCann/Racing Post



St Brendan's College Killarney Medal winners Tobias Ihene, Kiernan Kelly, Leo Allen, Raf San Bhuioyan (centre row from left) Dominik Wasika, Alex Hennigan and Cian Lynch who have qualified for the All Ireland Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships in Tullamore this weekend pictured with (back from left) Laura Hallissey, Sean Coffey Principal, Arthur Fitzgerald and Rachel Bowler at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Fleming, Daniel Daly, Ian Coffey, Con Stack) who were second in their category on Saturday last at the Dublin Metro Regatta held in Blessington. Great racing in the Division 1 event. Well done also to Marko Tot who was second in the C final of the Mens Division 1 Single and third fastest overall in the Intermediate category.

**SKIBBEREEN ILEN REGATTA**

The busy racing season continued apace on Sunday last at the regatta held on the River Ilan by Skibbereen RC, following a relocation from the intended venue at Drinagh Lake. The club won eight races including the Mens J18 Quad, Mens J18 Double, Mens J18 Single, Mens J16 Quad, Mens J16 Single, Mens J13 Quad and two straight final wins in the Womens J13 Quad. A great experience for our crews racing over 750m of the home stretch of the O'Donovan brothers and Skibbereen's famed Olympic athletes.

**CASTLECONNELL REGATTA**

On Saturday, May 20, the club was represented by a large contingent of 49 crews at the Castleconnell Regatta from Junior 13 to Masters. The club won 11 races and a number of other top three finishes. The category wins included the Mens Masters Quad, J16 Double, J16 Single (in two straights finals), J15 Single (in two straights finals) and Womens J18 Double, J16 Quad, J16 Double, J15 Double and J14 Quad.

**KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB**

Day 1 of the Munster Masters, Seniors, Juniors & U23 Championships was held last Saturday

in Templemore. In the Masters, Brid Stack won her category in the 400m and Maureen O'Shea won her category in the Shot Put and Weight for Distance. Donald O'Sullivan came 4th in the 1500m in the M40 category. In the Seniors, Ciara Kennelly came 2nd in the Long Jump, while Madie Wilson Walker had a season's best of 4.19m. Jack O'Leary came 2nd in the 800m. Dara Looney came 2nd and Jason Lee came 3rd in the Senior Long Jump. Cian Spillane came 2nd in the Junior 1500m while Dara Looney came 3rd in the Junior Triple Jump. We had 3 athletes compete in the International Flanders Athletics Meet in Belgium. Sarah Leahy ran 100m in 11.85sec. Jason O'Reilly ran the 400m in 50.40sec while Oisin Lynch ran the 800 in 1.57. Congrats and well done to all. Our Kids Summer Camp is booking out fast. It is live on our website with 6 weeks to choose from and caters for kids aged 5-12yrs. Book early to avoid disappointment.

All information on Training Schedules are on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie).

**FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB****RESULTS Thursday 25 May**

1st: Ciaran Broadbery and Ursula Daly. 2nd: Phyllis O'Regan and Pauline Lyne. 3rd: Mary Gleeson and Evelyn O'Leary  
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## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - MENS

**SINGLES STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY B WELL FITNESS. PLAYED SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH MAY, ON MAHONY'S POINT.**

Winner - Declan Glavin 43pts (5)

2nd - Ronan Bennett 42pts (9)

### Category 1

Winner - John Lynch 39pts (9), 2nd - Declan Kelly 38pts (8), 3rd - Sean Moynihan 38pts (7).

### Category 2

Winner - John O'Donoghue 41pts (10), 2nd - Darragh O'Callaghan 38pts (11), 3rd - Harry O'Neill 38pts (10).

### Category 3

Winner - Virginijus Jonikaitis 38pts (14), 2nd - Ted Broderick 37pts (14), 3rd - Jerry Hickey 37pts (16).

### Category 4

Winner - Frank Reen 40pts (19), 2nd - James Purcell 39pts (21), 3rd - Jimmy Dennehy 38pts (18).

## KILLARNEY GOLF CUB - LADIES

### MIIXED RESULTS

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1st: Mary Treacy and Tommy Galvin (25) 45pts

2nd: Tomas Barry and Ellen Barry (23) 44pts

Best Gross: Shane Horgan and Maureen Creedon (08) 38pts

3rd: Mary Cronin and Jer Linehan (21) 43pts

4th: Josephine oSullivan and Padraig oSullivan (15) 42pts

### RESULTS FROM PLAY IN PINK SAT/SUN ON KILLEEN

1st: Evelyn McCarthy (24) 41pts

2nd: Marian McGillycuddy (32) 39pts b9

Best Gross: Mairead Martin 40pts

3rd: Mary McMonagle (39) 39pts b9

4th: Ursula Daly (24) 39pts

5th: Mege Dalton (15) 38pts b9

6th: Breedan Neeson (30) 38pts b6

7th: Patricia Walsh (33) 38 b3

8th: Maire Murphy (25) 38pts

Next competition is our President Paul Murphy prize on Sunday June 4th on Mahonys Point.

## ROSS GOLF CLUB - MENS

### RESULTS - SATURDAY MAY 27TH AND SUNDAY MAY 28TH WE HELD A STROKEPLAY COMPETITION KINDLY SPONSORED BY CELTIC STEPS - THE SHOW.

The following were the winners:

1st: Jonathan Casey (10) 63

2nd: Cormac O'Donoghue (15) 64

### Div 1

1st: Daniel Cronin

2nd: Peter Wickham

### Div 2

1st: Ryan Scott

2nd: Brian McCarthy

### Div 3

1st: Maurice Coffey

2nd: Brian O'Connor

**ON FRIDAY MAY 26TH WE HELD OUR 2ND FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE WITH A VERY LARGE FIELD OF GOLFERS PARTICIPATING**



St Brendan's College Killarney Pitch and Putt team winners of the Pitch and Putt Ireland Secondary Schools Championship Cillian Courtney, Robbie Harnett and Fintan Martin in Athgarvan Kildare pictured with (back) Sean Coffey Principal and Jason O'Connor Team Manager at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

The course continues to be in a super condition and the scramble was followed by some food.

The winning teams were :-

1st: Michael J O'Sullivan, Thelma O Dwyer, Jim Delaney, Seamus McCarthy.

2nd: Dan Cronin, Cathriona Shanahan, Amdy Cole, Mary Nash.

3rd: Joe Scally, Brian O'Callaghan, Breda O'Farrell, Niall O Connell..

4th: Terence Mulcahy, Susan Goode, Mike O'Leary, Chris Caleen.

### THE ROSS SENIORS RESULTS FROM MAY 25TH WERE:-

1st: Colm O'Keeffe.

2nd: Andy Cole.

3rd: Donal Doherty.

Our Senior Challenge Shield team visited and played our neighbours, Killarney GC in Killeen on Thursday 25th and after a tough battle our hosts emerged victorious.

### FIXTURES

On Friday June 2nd we will hold our 10 hole mixed scramble with a shotgun start at 6.30pm sharp. Please be at the Clubhouse or have your name on the entry sheet by 6 pm to participate in the scramble. The scramble will be followed by food which can be ordered and paid for before the scramble

On June 4th our President Michael J Casey we will hold his Presidents Prize with a stableford competition.

The prizegiving and President's Dinner will take place at 8pm in the Corporate Suite.

Tickets can be purchased in the Clubhouse or from a committee member.

Winner: Chan Martin.

Mixed Scramble every Wednesday at 6pm. visitors welcome.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB NOTES

### RESULTS - KILLARNEY PARK HOTEL SPONSORED COMPETITION 27TH MAY 2023

Well done to all and a huge thank you to The Killarney Park Hotel for their very kind sponsorship. Beautiful conditions and superb course.

### 18 holes

1st: Thérèse O'Keeffe, 2nd: Eileen Fleming, 3rd: Ailish Mulcahy

### 9 holes

1st: Kathy Crowley, 2nd: Breda O'Farrell

### CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB EXCHANGE DAY WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

Congratulations to the winning team, Sarah Scanlan, Noreen O'Mahony and Thérèse O'Keeffe. Well done to everybody.

### Competitions

### PRESIDENT'S PRIZE

9 & 18 hole Single Stableford qualifying Competition Saturday 3rd June. Enter via the ClubV1 app. All Members welcome

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Ladies locker room no later than 10.30. All members welcome.

### GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL


Thanks to everyone who took part in this multi-card event over last weekend which produced the following results- Overall Nett: Bobby Kelly 84, Overall Gross: Erin Moloney 98, Intermediate Nett: Eoin O'Riordan Looney 89, Junior Nett: Fintan Martin 86, Ladies: Danielle Breen, U16 Nett: Mark Carroll 82 and U16 Gross: Nathan

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### FRIDAY EVENING SINGLES

First Nett: Bobby Kelly, Gross: Lorcan Martin,  
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Fintan Martin.

### ROCKLODGE SCRATCH CUP

Congratulations to our Chairman Damien Fleming on a second place finish in the Rocklodge Senior Scratch Cup in Cork last Sunday as his 54-hole score of 30 under par was only bettered by Bryan Delaney with 33 under.

### NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to John McGrath in this weekend's event in St Bridgets in Co Kildare. He plays Gowran's Kevin Knox in the First Round. Best of luck to all the other Kerry competitors as well.

### BOB CASEY

Round Four of the competition takes place next Tuesday night (June 6th) in Listowel. Contact John McGrath as regard booking a tee-time

### CLUBHOUSE OPENING HOURS:

For June the clubhouse will be open from 12pm-8pm (weekdays) and 12pm-6pm (weekends). All enquiries to 087 7823138.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Dave Spillane and his family on the birth of his grandchild Daithi Peter.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

We are less than a month away from the official celebrations. We begin on Wednesday night June 21st with a Club Mass in memory of past members of the club and then have our competition on Saturday June 24th. More details in the weeks ahead.

## BEAUFORT GOLF

### CLUB - MENS

**RESULTS 27TH/28TH**

**MAY - STABLEFORD -**

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**White Tees Winners**

1st: Billy Moynihan (15) 40 pts

2nd: Gary Whelan (30) 40 pts

3rd: Paul Fahy (14) 39 pts

**Yellow Tees Winners**

1st: Paudie O'Connor (23) 41 pts

2nd: William Cotter (30) 39 pts

**FIXTURES**

3rd/4th June - 3Ts &

Round 2 Golfer of The Year

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## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - LADIES

**RESULTS 27TH/28TH MAY - STABLEFORD -**

**SPONSORED BY PAUDIE CRONIN**

Overall Winner: Marie Flood (29) 42 pts

Division 1 Winner: Rita Kelleher (22) 36 pts

Division 2 Winner: Geraldine Collins (47) 38 pts

**FIXTURES**

3rd/4th June - Stableford - Sponsored by Murphys Bar & Restaurant



Mary O'Rourke, Julie Leonard and Mary O'Neill Playing in Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness at Killarney Golf Club on Sunday.

## MAINE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

**RESULTS OF SINGLES SPONSORED BY MAC WASTE MANAGEMENT (GOLFER OF THE YEAR)**

1st: Ivan Hickey (21) 41pts (back 9)

2nd: Jer Joy (13) 41pts

3rd: Shane Collins (7) 40pts

**Division 1 (indexes up to 13.7)**

Liam Martin (8) 38pts

**Division 2 (indexes 13.8 to 18.6)**

Mike Lawlor (17) 38pts

**Division 3 (indexes 18.7 and above)**

Thomas McGrath (20) 35pts

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## MEK GALAXY

### GIRLS

#### U12 GIRLS CUP FINAL

**MEK Galaxy 4 Fenit Samphires 3 after extra time.**

A fascinating encounter made a warm afternoon even hotter! Our girls have had a very hard route to get to the final, beating a strong Camp team, League winners St. Brendan's Park and League runners up Listowel Celtic. But nothing could have prepared us for this game. It was enthralling from the start. Having raced into a 2-0 lead, through Izzy Lyons, Fenit struck back to go in at the break 2-1 to MEK.

The second half was one of the craziest halves of football. Fenit pulled level with a well taken penalty. Both teams were at it hammer & thongs. Then with 2 minutes to, Fenit got a second penalty. Clodagh Quirke touched it onto the post, but Fenit followed through with the rebound. With only seconds left, Lyons stepped up again slot home a last-ditch corner. 3-3 at full time, extra time beckons.

The pace of the game was relentless. The whole squad put in a huge shift. And it paid off. POTM Izzy Lyons stepped up with a great individual effort to give MEK the lead. Fenit pushed really hard, but our girls stayed strong. We hung on until the final whistle. Cue wild celebrations from players and our fantastic supporters.

### BOYS

#### U14 DIVISION 2B

**MEK Galaxy 3 Inter Kenmare 0 (Half-time 1-0)**

Scorers: Oisín Cryan, David O'Shea, Bart Flynn. A satisfying end to the season with a solid team performance in blistering conditions at Lackabane. MEK piled on the pressure from the off with David O'Shea hitting the crossbar early on, followed by several near misses from the MEK attack. Oisín Cryan broke the deadlock after 25 minutes, while second-half strikes from David O'Shea and Bart Flynn put the game beyond doubt. A healthy turn-out on the day meant MEK had the luxury of rotating six substitutes - and all were needed as the temperature rose. Well done to all involved on a solid season and a top half finish in the table. MOTM: Michael Griffin: covered every blade of grass and was a solid obstacle for the opposition. Others in the running included Oisín Cryan, Breandán Allman and Cade Jameson

#### UNDER15S CUP SEMI FINAL

**MEK Galaxy 1-0 Killarney Athletic (half time 0-0) G**

Goal scorer: Danny Murphy. Very Good performances from Joshua Minnie, Fergal Murphy and Jack Hallissey, but man of the Match is a joint award to Danny Murphy and Dylan O'Meara.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

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*MEK Galaxy. Attached Photo is of the Under 13 Cup winning Girls side who defeated Fenit Samphires 4-3.*



Pictured is Killarney Athletic's Roko Rujevcan who recently signed a soccer scholarship with Bethel University in Tennessee. Roko is heading over in August studying Sports Management. Roko is pictured here with his mother Neda and friends from Killarney Athletic.

Front row - Club Chairman Donie Muphy, Roko Rujevcan, Neda Glavas.

Back row- Eoin Moynihan, Mike O'Shea, Martin Muldoon, Gaven O'Sullivan, Mentor Brendan Moloney and Senior A manager Stuart Templeman. Picture: Conor Healy

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U10/12: €100 (this competition takes place on the 30th June and 1st July)

The closing date for all ages (to be returned to the credit union) is Friday 2nd June before 5.30pm.

#### ESTHER HARRINGTON RIP

The Club is sad to report the death of Esther Scott née Harrington and sister of the late Club founder Don Harrington.

Esther would have been well known to many club members in recent years as she accompanied Don on his annual return trips to Killarney to present a memorial cup named after his late wife Monica who passed away in 2015.

Esther, who was predeceased by her husband Eric lived in Croydon, London and passed away in hospital after a short illness. Esther was a very kind and caring person with a strong religious faith, and may she now rest in the peace of the Lord.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

**KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS** are available to book through [clubforce.com](http://clubforce.com), Find my Club Killarney Celtic. Week 1 is Mon 3rd July to Friday 7th July and week 2 is Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July.

#### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,9,24,25. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75 each. Next jackpot €4,600 on Monday June 5th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegartys Park Rd, club members and online through [clubforce.com](http://clubforce.com)

#### GREYHOUND BAR CUP FINAL

**Killarney Celtic 1, Tralee Dynamos 1**  
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Celtic led through Terry Sparling but Tralee Dynamos came back to force a replay which is fixed for Sunday June 11th at 2pm in Mounthawk Park.

**THE PREMIER A LEAGUE FINAL VS KILLARNEY ATHLETIC** is fixed for Friday June 2nd in Mounthawk Park at 7.45pm

U14 Boys Cup Final

**St Brendan's Park 4, Killarney Celtic 2**

Jack O'Grady, Dara Horan

Celtic competed well against the League winners but Park were just that bit sharper on the night.

**U13 SHIELD FINAL**

**Killarney Celtic B 2, LB Rovers 5**

**TRISTAN MURPHY, SIMON SIROTIK**

A great battling performance from the 13B squad but LB Rovers took the spoils on the night

**GIRLS**

**U16 GIRLS CUP FINAL**

**Killarney Celtic 6, Dingle Bay Rovers 1**

Katie Foster 3, Maeve Courtney 2, Eve Culhane.

Our U16 girls completed the league and cup double for the 2nd year in a row as they retained



Killarney Celtic U16 Girls squad winners of the 2022/23 Lol O Leary Cup.

the LOL O Leary Cup after a good win over Dingle. Well done to the players and to the coaches for a fine achievement.

**CONGRATS** to Tristan Murphy u13 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week. and to Kate Forde who made the Girls Roll of Honour.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U15s, defeated finalists to Mastergeeha FC in the KSB league u15 shield final.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U14s recent victors over Killarney Athletic which sets up a winner take all game away to Inter Kenmare in terms of promotion from Division 1 of KSB league.

## PADRAIG HARNETT GOLDEN BOOT AWARD FOR THE GAYNOR AND KENNEDY CUP

BY: Aidan Murnane Chairperson of the Kerry Schoolboys /girls league on behalf of the football family.

Padraig Harnett, leader, visionary, and a person who is missed near and far within the football family. My first meeting with Padraig Harnett was in 2010 and at that meeting he informed me that the Kerry School boys league was interested in expanding its geographical spread to all of the county and not just the urban centres for the girls game. He also discussed if we in Kenmare would be willing to enter underage girls teams in the league or even if there was a girl good enough could even play with the boys. I laughed and said your mad rolled my eyes to heaven and walked off, he rang me the following day and asked me what were the obstacles and I said everything "how could a girl tog off with fellows" and he remarked "is that the only issue" I laughed and said "yes, and I think the boys at that age would over run any girl" to which he replied "What if they could play a year down" 13s playing in 12s "yes was his reply" and that was that. Padraig had championed the idea at SFAI (School Boys Football Association Of Ireland now called Schoolboys/girls Football association Of Ireland) and got the idea through the committee stages and was voted upon a couple of years later, and the rest was history. Padraig always felt that the equality of the girl's game was a cause that needed to be championed at national level and his belief that, with proper structure we could achieve this in Kerry and in Ireland. In 2019 his dream became a reality when the SFAI became involved in the running of all girls' underage games, teams, and leagues from 16s down for both

boys and girls. Padraig was always part and parcel of the underage games in this country, and I was like the rest of the SFAI delighted when Covid was over, and he joined us for the Gaynor and Kennedy Cups in which he worked in the media office with Padraic Clarke and Tom Ambrose. His attention to detail when it came to the scorers in games was impeccable and he was the person behind the "Golden Boot" award for highest scorer at both the Gaynor and Kennedy last year. I was delighted when Padraic Clarke approached us in Kerry in March with the idea that the "Golden Boot" award for both competitions would be named in his honour. A big thank you to our colleagues in the SFAI for their gracious acknowledgement of the honour bestowed on Padraig, we miss him every day.



Padraig pictured with the Champions League Cup



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## JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...



### KERRY V CORK PREVIEW

It's easy enough to predict that Kerry will win here – I made the same confident prediction in 2020, by the by. Exactly how the game will pan out is a different story. Cork's narrow win over Louth not being broadcast doesn't help. My understanding is that Cork played good football and moved the ball well, but made hard work of finishing the moves on the scoreboard. That shouldn't be an issue Kerry are still hurting after that battering from Mayo, but Jack O'Connor isn't one for wholesale changes. I would bring Adrian Spillane in at wing forward; we need his robust presence to bolster midfield. Cork have Ian Maguire in top form and a physical Colm O'Callaghan out there; that pair are a real handful. Cork also have Brian Hurley back and on song. He's deadly, one of the best forwards around. Jason will have his hands full – I can see him breaking a lot of ball and his fellow defenders will have to be ready for that. Against that, Kerry have at least one better (three if Geaney and Seán O'Shea hit form) and we won't leave as many chances behind. Factor in that Cork will be without Meehan and Tommy Walsh in their full back line and Ruairi Maguire still a doubt, and Kerry should be capable of doing a lot of damage. Seán O'Shea has struggled of late and was undeniably flat against Mayo, but I'd persevere with him. I don't see the energy for midfield in him and I don't want him starting on the square – he proved last year against Dublin how dangerous he is at ghosting in there. I don't see Stephen O'Brien or Killian Spillane (if fit) starting but I see them doing a fair amount of damage later on. Tadhg Morley has understandably been targeted by opposition teams this year. I imagine Cork will do the same and try to use Powter to drag him out of position. That's a danger – Powter has an instinct for gaps and we need some-one else to pick him up. I expect – and hope – that Paudie Clifford will be deployed from deep. There are a lot of calls in Cork for Powter to be deployed back in a more defensive role. That would be an awful mistake by John Cleary – he doesn't have enough players that can lead the front line. They do get the ball down there fast. We'll also have to be careful with those long runs out of defence – Cork have worked hard on a long kicking game and will hurt us if we leave space. I made no secret that I was impressed with Cork in the National League. Prone to maybe ten

minutes of lapses amid sixty of good football. I still say that Hurley and O'Mahony's absence against Clare cost them hugely; they are a better side than they showed. They also have no burden of expectation and nothing to lose here, whereas that Mayo game definitely hangs a cloud over Kerry. Kerry were limpid enough during the League but I thought we were biding our time, so I wasn't worried. I am now, that Mayo game was time to show something and we were stuck to the ground.

But the bottom line? Scoring power. We have plenty of it – jaysus, Kerry have good forwards who can't even get a place on the bench. Cork simply don't.

As for the minor? It's notoriously hard to hit on the right combination at minor, even harder since the drop in age. Kerry had very, very slow starts in both their games and were well on top in the second half. I don't read much into the Limerick game. No disrespect, but they were very limited as a threat. Cork have real cutting edges. Sheedy and Coakley are great players and have plenty of back-up. So far, we have been a little too reliant on Paddy Lane. Then again, Boyle and Kirby are a phenomenal midfield pairing and that always gives you a puncher's chance. There won't be any handle going after the hatchet in this game, since both sides go through to a quarter-final (like the senior, it all feels a little too drawn out for me) but I still think Kerry have better individual players overall and I think, possibly against the grain, that they will shade this one by a few points.

### SHELL-SHOCKED KERRY SEEN OFF BY CORK

**Ladies Munster Final:  
Cork 5-14 Kerry 2-17**

Once upon a time – alas, it is now so long ago that it must be classed as a story suitable for such a beginning – Kerry were the undisputed queenpins of gaelic football. The sport was in its relative infancy back then, but Kerry's ladies team had footballers as majestic as their male counterparts – and Kerry were the undisputed kingpins of the game back in those halcyon days as well. The sport hadn't a fraction of the popularity it has gained since then – a lot of credit must be given for the dedicated work put in at the grassroots over the last generation. A lot of credit has to be given to Cork as well – they were arguably the most phenomenal team Ireland has produced in the modern era when you include their dual stardom (the bulk of them were unbeatable with the camán as well). I wanted to begrudge them, I really did, but I could never rid myself of a sense of admiration. Kerry, despite the undisputable brilliance of the likes of Mags O'Donoghue, Bernie Breen, and Geraldine O'Shea, never really had a collective strong enough to withstand the sheer power

of the likes of Valerie Mulcahy, Bríd Stack, Juliet Murphy, Breige Corkery, Rena Buckley, Angela Walsh....

It's an odd thing with me. It's been a long time since Meath have beaten Kerry or been a power in the mens' game, but I was at an age impressionable enough when O'Rourke and Hayes and McDermott and Fay were in their prime to still feel nervous about Meath over thirty years later. That was a devil's team that never knew when they were beaten. Cork's ladies teams have that same power, in my mind at least. Cork, even after slipping off their peak, are still an intrinsic benchmark. Beating Cork is a definitive statement.

The Kerry Ladies have been flying in recent times. Darragh Long and Declan Quill have done a phenomenal job. We were within a whisper of an All Ireland last year – that's been a long enough drought. Winning Division One established us with a favourites tag this year. I wasn't overly worried about that group game in Munster – Kerry experimented and still had a lot in the tank when needed. For me, the Munster Final in Mallow was going to make a real statement about our prospects.

Unfortunately, it did. It would be easy to misread it. After all, Kerry left two penalties go unrewarded, and that was the margin between the teams at the finish. We were without Paris McCarthy or Erica McGlynn. You could argue that the referee didn't do us any favours – Emma Costello executed what I considered a brilliant tackle late on, only for a free to be called that ended up with a Cork score. If you are really looking for excuses, you can probably find them.

A former teacher of mine had a saying. "Whinging ain't the same as working". In other words, forget about looking for excuses. Look for reasons, look for what went wrong on your part, and correct it. Don't go assigning blame – appointing responsibility is a different and necessary thing for a team to improve.

Kerry got taken to school here. Cork knew full well how dangerous Kerry can be if they get any sliver of space around the goal – so they never gave Kerry that sliver of space. They didn't send high ball in towards Emma and Kayleigh. Instead they worked on moving the ball in short, sharp burst that left Kerry grasping at thin air. It was well-planned and brilliantly executed. They had three quick points on the board straightaway – Doireann O'Sullivan (2) was on fire. Kerry actually worked a very good move between Niamh Ní Chonchúir (I thought Niamh was our best player, a warrior in the trenches) and Louise Ní Muircheartaigh to give Hannah O'Donoghue a goal chance, but it was well smothered on the line. Would the narrative be different if that had gone in? I genuinely think so, it would have put Kerry on the front foot and put a sliver of doubt into Cork. Instead Orlaith Cahalane set up Libby Coppinger and



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Cork's Libby Coppinger & Kerry's Ciara Murphy in action at the weekend. Photo: Tom Russell Anois Photography



Kerry's Lorraine Scanlon catches the ball in the game V Cork on Sunday. Photo: Tom Russell Anois Photography

we were 1-3 to 0-0 down. Doireann added her third point before Anna Galvin opened Kerry's account. It made no difference, Doireann pointing again and Cahalane again teeing up a ghosting Coppinger for goal number two. Kerry settled a small bit with points from Aishling O'Connell, Niamh Ní Chonchúir, and Lorraine Scanlon. They also brought on Louise Galvin, whose physical presence was needed to bolster a flagging midfield. Hannah O'Donoghue had a goal chance blocked by Shauna Kelly. We were at least asking questions of Cork now.

Cork had answers. Eimear Kiely could have gone for goal, but opted to set up Cahalane for a point. Louise Ní Muircheartaigh picked off two, but Ciara O'Sullivan nabbed another Cork goal and Doireann kicked another point. We were scrambling for a foothold on this game. Just before the break Doireann O'Sullivan kicked a point, then intercepted the kick-out and fed Katie Quirke for a fourth goal. 4-10 to 0-7 at half-time, and it was a fair reflection.

Louise opened the second half with a free. Lorraine Scanlon made a great run but it skewed off her boot. Kerry were looking much sharper now and won a penalty. Louise stepped up but her shot skimmed the wrong side of the post. It felt like that kind of day. She slotted two frees straight after though, while Anna Galvin's goal effort was blocked. Cork's defenders seemed to have dropped a fraction in intensity, or maybe Kerry rose. Danielle O'Leary kicked a point and Niamh Carmody and Ní Muircheartaigh combined to set up Hannah O'Donoghue for a goal. Aishling O'Connell kicked a point and it felt like Kerry could narrow that gap, 4-10 to 1-12 felt difficult but manageable.

Ciara Butler had made one great save to deny Eimear Kiely in that period, but she could do nothing when Kiely sent a clever pass to a drifting Orlaith Cahalane, who made no mistake from close range. The gap no longer felt manageable.

Kerry kicked the next three points through O'Donoghue, Ní Muircheartaigh, and O'Leary. In fairness, you can't question their character. With eight minutes left they won another penalty, but Louise's shot lacked any real conviction and Meabh O'Sullivan gathered comfortably. Fiadhna Tangney did get a Kerry goal late on and Danielle O'Leary drew another save out of O'Sullivan. Technically, you can argue that Kerry won the second half by 2-11 to 1-4, but it's a fairly thin argument.

The truth is that the scoreline is slightly

flattering to Kerry, if anything. Cork could have pushed harder on the second half pedal if they had needed to.

Cork go into a group that includes Galway and Tipperary in the All Ireland series. Kerry face a tougher task, having to face Leinster champions Dublin (they had two goals to spare over reigning All Ireland champions Meath and are still peppered with All Ireland winners) and a tricky enough tie against Cavan. Kerry are unquestionably better than they showed here. Whether they can produce on cue is the question.

Things are about to get very interesting!

Cork: Meabh O'Sullivan, Anna Ryan, Eimear Meaney, Roisín Phelan, Melissa Duggan, Shauna Kelly, Sarah Leahy, Sarah Healy, Aoife Healy, Libby Coppinger (2-0), Doireann O'Sullivan (0-11, 6f), Eimear Kiely (0-1), Orlaith Cahalane (1-1), Katie Quirke (1-0), Ciara O'Sullivan (1-1). Subs: Emma Cleary (for Anna Ryan, 48 mins), Laura O'Mahony (for Sarah Leahy, 48 mins), Laura Fitzgerald (for Libby Coppinger, 54 mins), Daire Kiely (for Orlaith Cahalane, 56 mins), Daire Kiniry (for Roisín Phelan, 59 mins).

Kerry: Ciara Butler, Eilís Lynch, Kayleigh Cronin, Aoife Dillane, Aishling O'Connell (0-2), Emma Costello, Ciara Murphy, Lorraine Scanlon (0-1), Cáit Lynch, Niamh Carmody, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Anna Galvin (0-1), Hannah O'Donoghue (1-2), Danielle O'Leary (0-4), Louise Ní Muircheartaigh (0-5, 4f). Subs: Louise Galvin 0-1 (for Aoife Dillane, 18 mins), Amy Harrington (for Niamh Carmody, 54 mins), Siofra O'Shea (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 54 mins), Fiadhna Tangney 1-0 (for Hannah O'Donoghue, 59 mins), Niamh Broderick (for Aishling O'Connell, 59 mins).

Referee: Shane Curley (Galway)

## KERRY CHARACTER SHINES THROUGH IN HARD-EARNED DRAW

### All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship:

#### Kerry 2-8 Westmeath 1-11

After a disappointingly flat display against Cork in the Munster Intermediate Final, Kerry needed to hit the ground running in the opening match of their All Ireland Intermediate campaign. Last Saturday they emerged from Cusack Park in Mullingar with a share of the spoils, but had to dig very deep to do so. Midway through

the second half Kerry were five points down and staring into the abyss, but they dug really deep and showed magnificent character to come back and earn a draw – in fact, almost snatching a win at the death.

Scoring from play was an issue early on for both teams, with defenders like Sara Murphy, Niamh Leen, Muireann Scally, and Dearbhail McLoughlin well on top of their briefs. On the quarter hour mark Aoife Behan reacted sharpest to a loose ball in the Westmeath square and deftly fired it home to give Kerry the advantage. A worry for Kerry going forward, though, is that the goal was their only score from play over the hour. Westmeath responded strongly with experienced campaigners Amelia Shaw and midfielder Megan Dowdall, who shared an enthralling battle with Kerry's Kate Lynch all through, leading the way. Two well-struck frees for the in-form Jackie Horgan had Kerry narrowly in front at the break.

Half-time Kerry 1-2 Westmeath 0-4

The home side came storming out of the blocks in the second half, with Megan Dowdall for once shaking off the shackles and showcasing her undoubted quality with a cracking goal. A string of points followed, with Westmeath's half back line making dangerous forays and Aoife McGrath impeccable on free-taking duties. With quarter of an hour remaining, Kerry were trailing by 1-8 to 1-3 and matters looked bleak, to say the least – a defeat here looked almost inevitable given Westmeath's dominance and a loss would almost certainly have put the kibosh on Kerry's hopes going forward.

Kerry's response was everything that anyone could have hoped for, showing as much character as class and plenty of both. They began to run at Westmeath, forcing the beleaguered defenders to cough up frees, and that's expensive with a sharpshooter like the outstanding Jackie Horgan on the field. Bit by bit Kerry reeled in that big lead and with minutes to go. With four minutes left on the clock, Caoimhe Spillane wove through the defence as she bore down on goal, only to be illegally halted. Referee Eoin Morrissey had no hesitation in signalling the penalty and Patrice Diggin drove a rocket to the net to put Kerry ahead by a point.

Credit to Westmeath, they showed character themselves to keep the heads up and get down the field for Megan Dowdall to nervelessly slot an equalising free. You couldn't begrudge them; neither side deserved to lose a game this

spellbinding.

Next up for Kerry is a season-defining game at home in the Fitzgerald Stadium against Meath. The Royal county opened their campaign with an emphatic 6-19 to 2-3 win over a young Laois side. Kerry staged a comeback in Trim to beat Meath in their first win of this year's National League and went on to see off an Aoife Minogue inspired Royal County in a thrilling Diision 2A Final in Croke Park. Kerry had big support that day and it made a huge difference and Kerry manager Pat Ryan and his charges are asking for a packed house again in the Fitzgerald Stadium to lift the team to victory on Saturday, June 10th..

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Aoife Behan (1-0), Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Kate Lynch, Patrice Diggin (1-1, 1-0 pen, 1f) Aine O'Connor, Jackie Horgan (0-7, 7f), Caoimhe Spillane, Clodagh Walsh, Norette Casey, Amy O'Sullivan. Subs Ciara O'Sullivan (for Clodagh, 21 mins)

Westmeath: Fiona Keating, Jade McKeogh, Emily McCabe, Dearbhail McLoughlin, Muireann Scally, Sheila McGrath (0-1), Laura Doherty (0-1), Aoife O'Malley, Megan Dowdall (1-1, 1f), Aoife Doherty, Amelia Shaw (0-2, 1f), Maria Kelly, Elaine Finn, Aoife McGrath (0-5, 5f), Caoimhe McCrossan (0-1). Subs Hannah Core (for Elaine Finn, half-time), Aine Newman (for Maria Kelly, 42 mins), Darian Corcoran (for Emily McCabe, 51 mins)

Referee: Eoin Morrissey (Waterford)

## SEM LIFT AODHÁN Ó CHONCHÚIR CUP

**Colleges First Year League Final: St. Brendans Killarney 5-10 Tralee CBS 3-6**

There was a little bit of extra spice in the Post Primary First Year League Final played last Friday, in Kerry's Centre of Excellence. It was the first real foray into management for Footballer of the Year David Clifford, whereas his opponent on the line was a brilliant young footballer himself until injury curtailed his inter-county career, but Fergus Clifford picked up plenty of silverware with Sneem/Derrynane, Spa, and Listry in his playing days and is widely recognised as one of the foremost coaches in the county – not least by his famous nephews, who obviously paid attention to him along the way! David was joined on the Sem sideline by fellow manager Paul Moriarty while Fergus was joined by Ger O'Connor.

The First Year League is played under slightly different rules than the other post primary competitions, since the primary goal is coaching and development. There is a five goal rule, where a team that have scored five goals can only score points from then on (the idea being to prevent matches becoming totally one-sided and allow the opposition an opportunity to get back in the game). More significantly, players are only allowed one hop and one solo before they must play or release the ball. We are all familiar with the dominance of stronger players in younger age groups, where the bigger players tend to have more of an impact. This gives every player a chance to get some game time and forces every player

to learn how to assess and utilise options. Similarly, juvenile hurling in Kerry uses a 'two touch rule' that teaches players to think as part of a team collective.

The Sem went into this match as favourites after their displays in the group stage, but they were rocked on their heels right from the throw-in as midfielder Tom Lenihan burst through for a goal for the Green. The Sem responded with points from Daniel Cronin and Samuel Scroop to nudge a point in front before the outstanding Danny Kingston raised a second green flag for Tralee CBS. The Sem were beginning to fire up their engines, though, with Daniel Cronin putting them in front with a goal of their own and he added a second one soon afterwards. Tralee had brilliant forwards, especially Kingston and the equally impressive Calvin O'Sullivan, but they had to survive on limited scraps of possession as the Sem were simply winning too many individual duels throughout the field. A third goal just before the break from Liam McCarthy meant that the Sem went in at half-time leading by 3-6 to 2-1.

Man of the match Daniel Cronin completed his hat-trick soon after the restart. There was no way back for Tralee, but they showed impressive heart and guts all through and did get the consolation of a very well-executed goal of their own from Cillian O'Brien. It made no material difference as the Sem still had most of the possession and tagged on a late goal from substitute Liam O'Mahony to complete a convincing victory and retain the Aodhan Ó Chonchúir Memorial Cup to join the O'Sullivan Cup, Corn Uí Mhuirí, and Dunloe Cups in the school, while Tralee CBS have the Frewen Cup, Russell Cup and the Darra Ó Donnabhain (Munster U16.5 C hurling) cups in their cupboard.

The Aodhan Ó Chonchúir Cup commemorates a shining light of talented young sportsman who tragically passed away in 2018 after an accidental collision in a game in this competition, and it was presented by Kerry Colleges Officer Weeshie Lynch.

It would appear that David Clifford brings that midas touch to everything he does on a football field – he'll be hoping that won't be the last piece of silverware he gets his hands on this year!

St Brendans: Joe O'Connor (Kilcummin), Cillian O'Leary (Spa), Ronan O'Brien (Killarney Legion), Tadhg O'Donoghue (Spa), Conor Lynch (Dr Crokes) Roan Guerin (Glenflesk), Conn McGlynn (Dr Crokes), Samuel Scroop 0-3 (Legion), Cian Stack 0-1 (Kilcummin), Luke O'Shea (Dr Crokes), Daniel Cronin 3-4, 3f (Firies), Isaac Vickers (Firies) Liam McCarthy 1-1 (Glenflesk), Mikey Moroney 0-1 (Fossa), Jack Culloty (Legion) Subs: Jonah Casey (Spa), Mark Moriarty (Spa), Tadhg Ó Dubháin (Dr Crokes), Joey O'Meara (Fossa), Cian Maher (Kilcummin), Conor O'Leary (Kilcummin), Liam Quirke (Legion), Finn O'Donnell (Dr Crokes), Kiernan Kelly (Dr Crokes), Liam O'Mahony 1-0 (Kilcummin) Daithí Stack (Spa), Leo Allen (Beaufort), Samuel Sjogren (Dr Crokes)

Tralee CBS: Jack Collins 0-1 (Ballymacelligott), Jackson Brosnan (Ballymacelligott), Rohan Kirby (Ardfert), Fionn Enright (Fossa), Conor McCarthy

(Fossa), Stephen Shanahan 0-1 (St Senans), Ryan Burke (Ballymacelligott), Tom Lenihan 1-1 (Churchill), Luke Hanafin (John Mitchels), Eoin Mangan (Austin Stacks), Danny Kingston 1-2 (Na Gaeil), Philip McEaney (Na Gaeil), Cillian O'Brien 1-0 (Churchill), Calvin O'Sullivan 0-1 (John Mitchels), Darragh O'Callaghan (Na Gaeil) Subs: Jakub Drzymala (Na Gaeil), Dylan Moriarty (Ballymacelligott), Darragh Field (John Mitchels), Gavin Deasey (Churchill), Ronan Harrington-O'Callaghan (John Mitchels), Luke Donovan (Ardfert), Ryan Lynch Clifford (John Mitchels), Gearóid Moynihan (Na Gaeil), Alan O'Connor (Ardfert), Cian Fitzgerald (Kerins O'Rahillys), Maurice Costello (Na Gaeil), Darragh McMahon (Ballymacelligott), Liam O'Rahilly (Ballymacelligott), Adrian O'Connor (Ballymacelligott)

Referee: Tom McCarthy (Castleisland Desmonds)

## NON-COMPETITIVE GAA FOR JUVENILES

Mention of that one hop one solo rule in that Aodhán Ó Chonchúir Schools Final opens the door for a slightly more controversial topic. The GAA have strongly reiterated their rule that GAA games featuring U12 players or under must be completely non-competitive. No cups or trophies, no medals, no knock-out stages. No league tables or championships. No scorelines are to be kept.

I understand the principle. I agree with a lot of it. I want kids able to play and enjoy the games. No pressure. No sense of failure – that is absolutely crucial. The only failure in underage sports is the kids who feel unwelcome or intimidated in their local sports club – and it isn't the kids who have failed in that instance. I fully support the silent sideline initiative, whereby only the coach can speak directly to the players. Do not live your sporting life vicariously through your children. Their job is not to fulfill your dreams. It's your job to enable theirs along the way to adulthood. That adult intensity creates a pressure and often a hostile environment. Kids have no natural antipathy to wards opponents; they take their lead from the adults they know. But the kids should not lose out on the thrill and adventure of competing because the adults can't handle it. Don't put an outright ban on competition at those grades. Coach the coaches better and get the clubs to police their supporters better. We all know there have been too many unsavoury incidents at minor and juvenile games in the last few years. I want life bans, heavy club fines, and gardaí reports. I want the GAA landing on those people like a ton of bricks. But taking competitive games away from kids is no answer to that nonsense. Smaller pitches for younger players is crucial. Quite simply, kids can't kick the ball that far and they'll spend too much time and energy simply chasing it down on a big pitch, with the physically stronger kids able to dominate. You want a small pitch, close contact, every kid getting regular touches. You want them playing with the ball, not effectively competing in sprints as they chase it. Likewise a smaller goal. Smaller the better. Adjust the rule. Five goal rule

or even less. Kicks over the bar count double – points are often harder for young kids to kick anyway. Roll on/roll off subs is, of course, quite rightly implemented across the board already. You can tweak the rules to increase parity and participation. Do not over-complicate it.

Do not try to artificially tweak the scorelines or, heaven forbid, manufacture frees against one team for the sake of keeping the score close. Kids have a very strong sense of justice. Do not lie to them, regardless of how well-intentioned it is.

Completely non-competitive? No scores kept? This is a sledgehammer being used to crack a nut. Look, I'm only offering an opinion, but I have coached kids' teams. Understand something. Kids are competitive by nature. It is literally human nature. Think about the games you played as a child. Cowboys and Indians (is that politically correct nowadays? Neither myself nor the kids really care). Cops and robbers. Chasing. Games of catch. Leave a group of kids alone for a while, and they will develop a game of their own, and it will have a competitive nature. Feel free to check with teachers and parents; I did do that.

You can't just decide to suddenly make kids non-competitive. If you tell kids that this doesn't matter, that there is no winner or loser, straight away their interest in it drops. They want to do their best, and the way they gauge it is against their peers. They make that decision, not you. But you can harness it in a healthy way. You can teach them the concept of team spirit. Of being proud of themselves and, equally important, being proud of each other. How to support and encourage each other. How to show sportsmanship to opposition players. Lining up to shake each others hands after a game may seem a little hokey and a little americanised. I don't care, because I promise you that it works. The most important lesson that a child can learn in a training session is that the game is fun and that they want to come back next week. That's it. You get a lot of talk about inculcating skills – that's secondary. Anyone, anywhere, ever, who has coached an underage team knows that you include a game in your training session, because that's the bit that interests them. The kids want to play. Winning and losing are not remotely bad life lessons. In fact, they are invaluable, provided that neither is over-emphasized.

A real bugbear of mine, and I've felt this for a long time, is the emphasis on developing long-term success. You get an awful lot of talk about nurturing players for the Kerry senior team of the future. Jaysus. Trust me. The Kerry senior team of the future won't be short of players. Please stop thinking that producing the next David Clifford or Roy Keane or Sonia O'Sullivan is successful coaching. It's not, it really isn't. It's great if it happens, but it's completely incidental. You want to know what makes a successful coach? If you have 25 kids coming up to the first coaching session at six or seven years of age (the GAA now goes to U5) and those 25 children are still playing the game by the time that they reach minor, then you are the greatest coach I have ever seen bar none. Kids love wearing the club jersey. Being part

of the club, effectively the community. Seeing a team photo or their name in the paper is an unimagined thrill (I wouldn't put scorelines in the paper or focus on individuals too much; always emphasis the team. It's worth noting in that context that the GAA, more than any other organisation in this country, is a full and broad parish-based organisation. Kids love feeling a part of that.

Deciding that their games don't actually matter – and you can pretend to kids that they do, but kids are more intelligent than you are giving them credit for – is akin to telling kids that they are better off choosing another sport. The GAA's current approach isn't a step in the wrong direction; it just goes much too far along that road. Dial it back a bit.

## SHINE AND BURKE MAKE EIRGRID 20 FOR '23

Congratulations to Kerry players Will Shine of Killarney Legion and Cillian Burke of Milltown/Cawstlemaine on making the Eirgrid 20 for '23 U20 Players of the year list. Cillian Burke impressed in Kerry's engine room at midfield, while Shine, the Munster U20 Player of the Year, was Kerry's star performer up front. The only other Munster player to make the list is Brian McNamara of Clare, who in fairness was absolutely sensational in their 1-20 to 4-9 defeat to Kerry.

Cormac Barker (Kildare), Harry O'Neill (Kildare), Ryan Burke (Kildare), James McGrath (Kildare), Dylan Walsh (Sligo), Rossa Sloyan (Sligo), Theo Clancy (Dublin), Patrick McCarthy (Down), Canice Mulligan (Sligo), Odhran Murdock (Down), Brian McNamara (Clare), Shane Farrell (Kildare), Cillian Burke (Kerry), William Shine (Kerry), Daire O'Boyle (Sligo), Luke Marren (Sligo), Callum Bolton (Kildare), Colm Dalton (Kildare), Oisín Savage (Down), Cillian Ó Curraoin (Galway)

## KERRY FC HIT FOR SIX League of Ireland: Kerry FC 0 Wexford 6

There's no point in dressing this one up. This was poor, arguably Kerry's worst display so far. That it follows our best, a hard-fought and precious away win over Athlone, is doubly disappointing. To say anything else would simply be dishonest. You can argue that the defeat to Galway (9-0) was worse, but I don't think it was. Kerry were a little bit naive and open-eyed about that on and tried to go one-on-one on their home ground with a team that are simply burning through the entire division. They sliced us open repeatedly because Galway were simply that far ahead and that much sharper than us.

Wexford didn't feel like that. I won't say it ever really felt like we could have won, but we should definitely have been capable of making them work an awful lot harder for a win. We had a few half-chances in

the first half, but nothing that really sucked air out of anybody's lungs.

Wexford went close early on and Aaron O'Sullivan was forced into a great save after a sliced clearance. Kerry did have a chance after a good break, Nathan Gleeson with a clever back heel to tee up Seán McGrath (lovely bit of skill, but I thought they should have one-twined it earlier, there was a three-on-two in the Wexford defence) but the shot was always rising. Wexford were always more dangerous with good balls into the Kerry box – we never had enough bodies into theirs fast enough or enough control down the wings. Corban Piper should have scored with a free header but made amends with a long ball deftly squared by Aaron Dobbs for a simple Danny Furlong finish. Textbook stuff.

It got worse fast. Dobbs got on scoresheet himself – to be fair, it was two great passes to open the chance and a lovely switch finish. I don't mind the goals we concede to skill, it's the others ones that hurt. 2-0 at half-time.

The third one hurt. Another long ball into our defence, a header straight up instead of out, and a simple chance for Furlong to tap home. Wexford were pressing high up the pitch, and could afford to as they sensed more goals against a tentative Kerry. Dobbs made it 4-0, deftly turning in a corner at the near post – nicely done, but again, these are chances that should be shut down instantly.

I have a lot of sympathy for the fifth goal. Kerry passing it in the defence, looking to open a space as Wexford chased them down – Wexford didn't chase, they just closed off the angles.... until one fatal second of dwelling on the ball, a dart and steal, and basically a tap-in.

Aaron O'Sullivan made two great saves. The truth is that Wexford keeper Noel Heffernan could probably have brought a book to read in that second half. Kerry didn't have a single attack, let alone an actual shot on target. Late on Dobbs powered home a header from a corner to finish off a bad and somewhat dispiriting night for Kerry.

Kerry FC: Aaron O'Sullivan, Cian Barrett, Samuel Aladesanusi, Kevin Williams, Robert Vasiiu, Togor Silong, Sean McGrath, Ronan Teahan, Leonardo Gaxha, Nathan Gleeson, Ryan Kelliher. Subs: Graham O'Reilly (for Togor Silong, 56 mins), Alex Ainscough (for Cian Barrett, 56 mins), Stephen McCarthy (for Leo Gaxha, 65 mins), Kennedy Amechi (for Ryan Kelliher, 65 mins), Cíanan Cooney (for Nathan Gleeson, 65 mins).



ACTION FROM THE KERRY FC V WEXFORD GAME AT THE WEEKEND

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## FOSSA GAA CLUB

### GENE MORIARTY

The death has occurred of Gene Moriarty, unexpectedly on the 22nd of May 2023. Beloved husband and best friend of Margaret (Nee Murphy) and devoted father of Amy. Sadly missed and dearly loved by his family, brothers-in-law Noel, Gearóid and Seán and his wife Máire, sister-in-law Martina and her husband Brendan (Kelliher), nieces, nephew, Amy's partner Mikey, relatives, his many friends and all in the Fossa GAA Community.

All club members were deeply saddened on the passing of our hugely active stalwart member and friend Gene Moriarty. Born at Fossa Cross Gene Moriarty is surely a Fossa Man Apart. He recalled that when started in St Brendan's in September 1964, and one of the first questions that was put to me was "Are you Crokes or Legion?" "Neither", nor could I identify with any other club. This spurred Gene to become one of the main driving forces behind the formation of the Fossa Club in 1970. Gene was our first secretary in 1970 and 71. He was chairman in 1976 and again from 1992 to 94. He was a very active member of our club until his untimely death this week. 3 years ago, we published a book to commemorate our first 50 years. Gene played a enormous part in this, his expansive knowledge and fantastic memories of all the happening in the club since its foundation were paramount to the success of the book. Aptly an article about himself is titled "Football & A Sense of place" the title alone demonstrates the love of his parish, his local club and football. Gene had a massive knowledge of all youngsters who played for Fossa and took a great interest in who they were, where the parents were from, grandparents and if any football or sporting connections. He got great joy in our victories at all age group but would burst with pride when our players went on to represent Schools, Development Squads, Colleges, District and County teams. He took great delight and immense pride in the last year when 2 Celtic Crosses came to the club followed by the club's All Ireland Junior win. Fossa apart Gene also had a great knowledge of the East Kerry teams and phenomenal memory of the Kerry teams since the foundation of the GAA.

Currently Gene was serving as registrar and County Board delegate, which he has done for over the last decade and his opinions were always valued at our executive meetings.

Our sincere and deep condolences to the family at this time, he will be sadly missed.

May Gene rest in peace.

### SENIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

**Final score: Laune Rangers 4-9 Fossa 5-9**

Cracking Game. Huge performances from Sam Buckley, Joe Cahillane, Lee Lenihan and Richard Wallace saw Fossa thru in this tight game. Old war horse Mark Dennehy controlled midfield and it was great to see Mike Frank Russell give a great display of his silky skills at the ripe young age of 40 something!!

### FOSSA PLAYERS ON SHOW WITH KERRY THIS WEEK

Kerry South U16 – Well done to Ryan Brady and

The U12 Killarney Legion Girls Team that played Laune Rangers in the recent East and South Kerry Final



the Kerry South Team Manager Adrian Sheehan and Shane O'Sullivan (Goalkeeper Coach) in the management team who played away to Tipperary on Saturday winning on a score line of 2-15 to 11 points.

## KILLARNEY LEGION

### SENIOR MEN

Six points from the boot of Thomas Moriarty wasn't enough to save our Senior Men's B team from defeat in Round 8 of the Credit Union County League. Kerins O Rahillys helped themselves into a 1-7 to 0-4 half time lead but a strong comeback in which Tadgh Doolan and Finn O Sullivan were also instrumental just fell short in the end, the Strand Road side winning on a 1-12 to 0-13 scoreline.

There is a local Derby in Division 1 of the County League when our Senior Teams unbeaten run will be tested to the very limit by the visit of Kilcummin. The game throws in at 7.30pm on Friday night (2nd June) in Direen.

### SENIOR LADIES

Our Senior Ladies welcomed Ballymac to Direen on Monday for the latest round of the Donal Curtin Cup. Playing with a strong wind in the first half, the visitors took the game by the scruff of the neck but the Legion ladies did not panic and played their way into the game, raising their own green flag later in the half leaving the score at 1-02 at half time. The second half saw the breeze ease off but not the intensity as both teams really went for it in an enthralling encounter. Ballymac took a 2 point lead as the game entered its final minutes. Legion reduced the deficit to the bare minimum, but Ballymac came down the field to tack on another score to maintain the 2 point gap. A nail biting finish saw the Ballymac goalkeeper save well which helped secure the points for the visitors on the night. FT score Legion 1-07 Ballymac 1-09. No quarter was asked or given in what was a pulsating contest from start to finish.

### JUVENILE BOYS UPDATE

The U8s / 9s boys played Castleisland Desmonds in Round 4 of our Go Games. We had 4 teams in action and 24 boys showing off all their skills in the beautiful sunshine in Direen. Thanks to all

the coaches, parents & referees and especially Desmonds for travelling over in such big numbers.

The Under 11 Go Games continued on Thursday night in the home of Austin Stacks, Connolly Park. We played two very competitive games against the hosts, and there is a huge improvement in this group every week in the skills. Thanks to Colm and all the Austin Stacks crew where everything was fantastically organised. Big thanks also to trainers Eamon Maguire, Donal O Donoghue, and John Keane for their huge dedication to this group.

Our U13 White team hosted John Mitchels on Friday evening in the last game of the group phase of Div 1A. Both teams had maximum points going into game and had already qualified for Div 1 semi finals. John Mitchels had much the better of the first half and worked some excellent scores to have a healthy lead at the break 4-6 to 1-2. We were a transformed side in the second half and brought the gap down to 2 points with a couple of minutes left. Mitchels worked some good scores in the last few minutes for a deserved win. Well done to our boys in qualifying from a really tough group for the Div 1 semi final, a game which they are greatly looking forward to.

Our other U13 team produced another fine team performance Sunday evening. The lads knew going out that a win would secure a semi-final place. The first half was closely contested with the scores level at the turn of play. After some words of encouragement at the break and with the aid of a slight breeze, our boys took control of the game in the second half. Attacks were launched from the back line, and through some fine teamwork, we manufactured some well worked scores. All 21 lads contributed to what was a great squad performance, and we march on to the semi finals. Final score Killarmey Legion 3-16 John Mitchels 1-09.

Our U15 Green team travelled out to a lovely Cordal pitch for their Division 9 final against Austin Stacks. The host club had team announcements and the national anthem and made the 2 visiting teams feel welcome.

The game grew in excitement with the Rockies building up a first quarter lead with two goals which Legion chased in the second quarter.



Legion did raise their own green flag but missed a number of great goal chances to trail by 5 points at half time. Legion started the second half well but suffered a setback when Stacks scored a third goal straight away after Legion got a second. Legion dug deep in an exciting final quarter in which they scored a goal and with the last attack of the game, got a 5th goal to tie matters at full time. However Legion played well in that first period and went in one point up. Stacks got a couple of quick scores to take a lead and then a goal out of nothing to put them in a strong position. Legion pressed hard and a foul outside the D resulted in a well taken free. Legion had a goal chance smothered and with the last play of the game had another goal chance which went agonisingly wide. A very exciting game and one which could have easily gone Legion's way.

Final score: Austin Stacks 4-17 Killarney Legion 5-11

The game was expertly refereed by Evan Horan who has only recently taken up the whistle. His first County Final, it's definitely won't be his last!! The U17 boys welcomed the East Kerry League leaders Kenmare to Direen last Monday and started very slowly conceding 2-3 in the first 5 minutes. The home side started to grow into the game, but we spurned a number goal chances, and Kenmare punished our wastefulness by going in 6-7 to 0-7 at half time. A blistering start to the second half saw us score an unanswered 3-3 in the first five minutes of the second half to cut the deficit to six points. An epic second half saw some great long distance point taking and some heroic defending by the Kenmare defence ensured that they ran out 5 point winners in the end. Final score Kenmare Shamrocks 6-13 Killarney Legion 3-17.

The second team played Fossa on Sunday evening eventually going down in another high scoring encounter. Killarney Legion 5-8 Fossa 3-16.

#### LADIES FOOTBALL UPDATE

The U16 Ladies made the trip to Miltown on Wednesday for their overdue County League Round 3 game. The game was played in perfect conditions on a superb playing surface. Both teams had registered wins in their first two outings, so the top spot was to play for before the League breaks for the State examinations. Both teams lined out without a number of regulars and the opening exchanges were tight before Legion opened the scoring after 5 mins. Playing with the breeze, Legion began to gain control of proceedings, although scores were at a premium. The second half began with Legion upping the intensity and working over a few well-earned scores. Another goal mid way through the half put a bit of daylight between the teams before MKL came back and registered some well-earned points of their own. Strong running and great teamwork were the backbone of this Legion performance winning on a final scoreline of MKL Gaels 0-05 Legion 2-10.

## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy

TATLER JACK BAR AND RESTAURANT EAST

## KERRY U17 LEAGUE RESULTS.

Division 3. RD2:

Fossa 3 - 21 Kenmare 3 - 11. Legion 5 - 08 Fossa 3 - 16. League Finals set for Monday June 5.

## MD O SHEA SPONSORED EAST KERRY U15 LEAGUE

### DIVISION 2

Beaufort 2-18 Scartaglen 4-09

### DIVISION 3

Spa 2-13 Cordal 5-08

## EAST KERRY U21

Well done to the East Kerry U21's on their win over Mid Kerry in the Quarter Final of the Acorn Life County Under 21 Championship. They now progress to face South Kerry in the semi final.

## ALL IRELAND ROUND 2

Best of luck to the Kerry team and management in Championship, Group 1 - Cork V Kerry. Saturday 3rd June @ 3pm in Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Cork.

## KERRY MINORS

Good luck to the Kerry minors in Fridays Munster Final against Cork in Austin Stacks Park at 7.30.

## MONTHLY MEETING

East Kerry Board Meeting Tuesday June 6th at 9pm at Killarney Heights Hotel.

## CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

East Kerry/Kenmare schools were well represented during the week in the girls county finals. Shrone NS Rathmore were first into action in the two teacher final. Showing fantastic skill levels the girls performed well losing to stronger Valentia NS team in the finish. Realt na Mara Tuosist showed great team spirit in the three teacher final to secure victory over a gallant Ballyferriter NS team. Fossa NS played great football during a brilliant game of football to defeat a strong Fries NS team in a sporting contest. St Johns NS Kenmare showed tremendous determination throughout in a tight contest with Balloonagh NS losing to a stronger team. Thanks to Vince Cooper and Emmet Finnan for supporting all teachers in working with all teams during the year.

## DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South U15/U16 teams were in action over the weekend. Kerry South U15 team defeated a strong North Cork team in Currans. Trailing by a single score at the break the young lads played great football in the second half to run out well deserving victors over a well drilled Cork outfit. Kerry South U16 team made the trip to Tipperary on a glorious day for football. Showing great skill levels the scoring power of the forward line proved decisive with the Kerry lads running out comfortable winners over a strong Tipperary outfit. Well done to both management teams and players on two great performances. Thanks to John Daly (Currans) and referees Brian Fleming (Currow) and Daniel Clifford (Laune Rangers) for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry/Kenmare GDA on the day. It was fantastic to see great support in Currans to support all teams on the day.

## ANNIVERSARY OF PAT DELANEY

2nd June will be the 4th anniversary of the passing of Pat Delaney. On that day, St Pats East Kerry, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Board will gather at Aghadoe Cemetery with members of Pat's family for a wreath laying



*Congrats also to Fionn Doyle who was in the U15 Kerry South squad were playing and victorious against Cork North.*

ceremony in Pat's memory.

You are cordially invited to join us. 11Aam on Friday 2nd June at Pat's grave in Aghadoe Cemetery. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the family of Gene Moriarty from all in the East Kerry Board, on his death during the week. Gene was a founder member of the Fossa Club and a lifelong servant of the club. Also to our Chairman John Dineen, and his family on the passing of his uncle Patrick Lar Dineen, Bishopstown.

## ACORN LIFE COUNTY U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINAL.

### East Kerry 1 - 12 Mid Kerry 1 - 11

East Kerry showed their champion quality again, to progress to the semi final's of the Acorn Life County U21 Championship, recovering from a sloppy first half performance, to just about get the better of Mid Kerry in Fossa.

After an opening five minute's where defense's were on top, East Kerry opened the scoring with a free from Jack Walsh. A powerful run forward from Anthony Kelliher, ended with a good score from a tight angle. Mid Kerry began to dominate around midfield, and points from Keith Evans, Aodhan Roche and Fionnan Griffin were their reward for this dominance. They then struck for a goal after Griffin broke free of the East Kerry defense, and dinked the ball over Jack O Sullivan in the East Kerry goal, the ball carrying just enough pace to enter the net. Points from Aaron O Shea, Harry Kelly and Jack Walsh, kept East Kerry within range at the break, but only because of some poor wide's from the Mid Kerry men.

East Kerry needed a spark to get them going, and it arrived with an inspirational point from corner back Cian Doyle, his booming shot just about clearing the crossbar. Two quick points from O Shea brought them back to within one point of their opponents. Mid Kerry responded again though, as they upped their intensity leading to points from Griffin, Shane Evans



and Darragh O Connor. The decisive moment of the game then arrived. A high ball towards the Mid Kerry goal was fisted off the crossbar. The onrushing Colm Kelliher was fouled as he looked to knock on the rebound. Full forward O Shea blasted his penalty low and hard to the net. He followed it up with another point soon after, before Walsh put his side ahead for the first time. Captain Paudie O Leary doubled the lead with a fisted effort. A free from Griffin brought the deficit back to one. Jack O Connor had a last gasp chance to equalize, but his effort just went to the left of the post, and East Kerry march on to another County semi final. Before the game, there was a minutes silence for Gene Moriarty, who sadly passed away recently. Gene gave a lifetime of service to Fossa GAA, and will be greatly missed.

## DR. CROKES GAA

### LFA DONAL CURTIN CUP

#### Dr. Crokes 1-10 Scartaglin 2-11

Our senior ladies suffered their first defeat of the year last week in a great game of football in a sunny Scartaglin. Our girls started the brighter in the first half and took an early lead, despite playing against a strong breeze. Scartaglin had brought it back to level terms by half time, and the second half unfortunately saw us having to withdraw a couple of players with injuries and we wish our girls speedy recoveries. Scart ran their bench and ran out worthy winners in the end.

### JUVENILE HURLERS

Our Juvenile hurlers had a fantastic day around Tomies Woods on Sunday for our annual long puc competition. Well done to the organisers Patrick Landers, Tom Murphy and Gene O'Doherty and all their helpers. A big thanks also to NeoDyne Ltd. Who sponsored the event.

### ACADEMY

Our academy continues every Saturday. We cater for boys and girls aged 4 to 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10 to 11 and Football from 11:15 to 12:15. All welcome, bring a friend! Qualified coaches with an emphasis on fun and making friends. We hope to see everyone there!

**LOTTO** took place on May 29th Numbers drawn were 1, 11, 16, 27 Jackpot of €8,900 was not won. 12 patrons matched 3 and receive €35. Jackpot for draw on June 5th will be €9,200. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?l\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=734#Anchor)

### BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday night in St. Marys Parish Hall at 8pm. Doors open at 6:45. This week's jackpot is worth a whopping €2,800 with over €2,000 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email [pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie)

## KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

### TRAINING

Under 6/8/10 train on Mondays & Fridays from 6-7pm in Spa. Hurleys & helmets can be provided on a rental basis for the season. Football boots, shin guards & water required.

Under 12s & Under 14s train on Mondays & Fridays (match dependent) from 6-7pm in Spa Under 16s train on Mondays & Thursdays (match dependent) from 6-7pm in Spa

Under 18s train on Mondays & Fridays from 6-7pm in Spa

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO TRAINING THE JUNE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN SPA DUE TO CLUB 7'S TAKING PLACE (FRIDAY 2ND AND MONDAY 5TH JUNE)

### REGISTRATION

New members always welcome & registration is done on [www.foireann.ie](http://www.foireann.ie). For any details on registration, please contact Treasurer/Registrar Louise Moynihan or Secretary Sarah Breen. All details on how to register can also be found on our Facebook page.

### FACEBOOK

Please check out our Facebook page for all up to date match fixtures & updates – Search for Killarney Camogie Club!

### FÉILE FUNDRAISER

Our Féile GoFundMe is now live.... We would appreciate any donation you can make. The link to donate is on our Facebook page. Thanks to all who have donated to date, it is very much appreciated!

### EXAMS

Best wishes to all our members taking exams over the coming weeks.

## KEEL GAA

### CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 22nd of May. Numbers drawn: 9, 16, 17, 26. There was no winner of our jackpot of €3,750. Lucky dip winners of €50 were Thomas Ladden, Keel (online ticket) and Neily McAuliffe, Cordal. The jackpot will be €3,800 for the draw on Monday the 29th of May. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

### SENIORS

Our seniors travel to Castlegregory on Sunday for round 8 of the County League. Kick off is at 2pm. Best of luck to the lads and management.

### SENIOR B

Congratulations to our B team who defeated Glenbeigh/Glencar on Saturday in the Development League. Despite being down 8 points at half time the lads made a superb comeback in the second half and won by 1 point. Final score Keel 2-14, Glenbeigh/Glencar 3-10. Well done lads!! Thank you to everyone who travelled to Glenbeigh to support the team.

### MID KERRY U21

Commiserations to the Mid Kerry U21 team who lost out to East Kerry in the quarter finals.

Well done to the Keel players involved, Liam, Shane and Keith Evans, Lachlan & Fionán Griffin, Darragh O Dowd, Eden Murphy, Seán Corcoran as well as David Clifford who is part of the management team.

### UNDER 13S

Our U13s played Milltown/Castlemaine in the County League in both A and B fixtures. The B team had victory on a scoreline of 3-13 to 3-05. While the A team suffered a loss in a very competitive game. Final score 1-08 to 2-10. Well done to all the players. Thanks to all the parents for their continued support. Next round fixture to be confirmed during the week.

### UNDER 9S

Our U9s played their 4th game of the Go Games at home to Spa on Tuesday evening. We had 3 teams of 8 a side who played 3 games each. Well done to all the boys and girls. Thanks to the parents for their continued support. U9 training will continue this Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30

### UNDER 7S

U7s had their first GoGame on Sunday morning in Fossa. There was 3 teams of 6 a side and 1 team of 5. Each team played 4 matches. Well done to all the boys and girls on a great morning of fun and games. Many thanks to their coaches for the time they give each week. Thank you to the parents for their support. Training will continue next Sunday morning at the usual time of 10:30-11:30

### UNDER U5S

U5 training continued on Sunday morning. Excellent session enjoyed by all with skill levels continuing to improve. Training continues next Sunday morning 10:30-11:30

### KERRY U15

Congratulations to Brien Mangan and Ryan Costello who represented the Kerry U15 team in Currans on Saturday. Well done on your victory over Cork. Plenty more days to come in the green and gold!

### KERRY MINOR

Best of luck to Gearóid Evans and the Kerry Minor team who take on Cork in the Munster Final thus Friday at 7:30pm in Austin Stack Park.

### KERRY LADIES

Commiserations to Ciara Murphy, Caoimhe Evans, and the Kerry Ladies team who were defeated by Cork in the Munster Final.

### KERRY MASTERS

Congratulations to the Kerry Masters Football team who were victorious over Limerick on Saturday. Special mention to James Nagle who played at wing back, Terry O Sullivan who lined out at corner forward and scored a point in the game & Jason Foley who is part of the management team. The final score was Kerry 3-09, Limerick 2-07. Well done to all involved.

### MKL U14

Congratulations to the MKL Gaels U14 team and management who won the Division 1 County League Final on Sunday last. Congratulations to Keel representatives, Lilly Mai Clifford, Saoirse Kennedy, Jane Moriarty, Abbey Hilliard, Sarah O Connor, Róisín McCarthy, Méabh Kennedy, Alison Bartley, Meseret O'Brien and Ellen Foley. Well done girls!!



## FIRIES GAA

### COISTE NA NOG RESULTS

Congrats to our u13 boy's teams who both qualified for County League Semifinals. Our Div 1 team topped Div1 B and now will face Legion in Farranfore on Sunday 04/06 after overcoming a strong Ardfert team in Ardfert last Sunday. Our Development Team will be away to John Mitchells in their semi-final early next week.

U13 Boys Div 1 Ardfert 2-12 v Furies 5-19

U13 Boys Dev Team - Ardfert 3-13 v Furies 2-12

### COISTE NA NOG FIXTURES

U13 Division 1 County League Semi Final - Furies v Legion 04/06 6pm

U13 Division 14 County League Semi Final - John Mitchells v Furies TBC

U11 Hurling Go Games Causeway v Furies 02/06 6.30pm

### SENIOR CLUB FIXTURES

Div 2 04/06 St Mary's v's Furies

Div 6 04/06 Furies B v's Churchill B

### BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA LOTTO 29/05/2023

Numbers drawn were: 4, 8, 22, 26. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Frank O Connor, c/o Bridie. Mike McCarthy, Cards. Paddy Browne, Connigar. Tara Spring, Gortavillin. Mike Daly, 1 Ashton Meadows, Ballyhar. Next weeks jackpot €6800

## MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

### LOTTO

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The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, May 29th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 15, 19, 30 and the bonus ball was 8. Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Kenny O'Neill, Milltown. €50 - Mary T Cooper, Milltown. €25 - Anthony O'Carroll, Milltown. €25 - Jamie O'Sullivan, Castlemaine. €25 - Jim Stephens, Milltown. €25 - Eric Flynn

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 12th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

### CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 8 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine will take on Ballymacelligott in the Credit Union County Senior Football League this weekend (Sunday, June 4th) when Round 8 takes centre stage. The venue is Ballymac and throw-in is at 2:00pm.

### CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 6, ROUND 7 RESULT

Milltown/Castlemaine 'B' 2-11

Castleisland Desmonds 'B' 2-08

Well done to our Senior 'B' side and management who made it three wins on the spin and four wins from six games overall in the Credit Union County Senior Football League, maintaining their unbeaten record away from home with



Launching the Garvey's Supervalu Kerry Senior Hurling Championship this week was (front l to r): Jim Garvey (Garvey Group), Kevin Goulding (Ballyduff), Patrick O'Sullivan (Chairman Kerry GAA), Brandon Barrett (Causeway) and Kevin McCarthy (Garvey Group). Back l to r: Adam O'Sullivan (Crotta O'Neill's), Conor O'Keeffe (Lixnaw), Cormac Slattery (Ballyheigue), Niall O'Mahoney (Abbeydorney), Darren Dineen (St Brendans), Mike Milner (Dr Crokes) and Maurice O'Connor (Kilmoyley)

a hard earned victory against Castleisland Desmonds on a beautiful evening for football last Friday.

### ACORN LIFE COUNTY U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: QUARTER-FINAL RESULT

Hard luck to the Mid Kerry U21s especially our Milltown/Castlemaine representatives who were involved in a narrow defeat last week against East Kerry in Fossa. The final score in the County Championship Quarter-Final was 1-12 to 1-11.

### KERRY MINORS: ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FIXTURE

Best wishes to Milltown/Castlemaine's Dara Hogan and management team member David Heasman who are part of the Kerry Minors take on Cork in the Electric Ireland Munster Minor Football Championship Final on Friday, June 2nd at 7:30pm in Austin Stack Park, Tralee. The match will also be shown live on TG4.

### KERRY SENIORS: ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, GROUP 1 ROUND 2 FIXTURE

Kerry's Senior Mens side will be on the road this weekend for Round 2 of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Group Stage. They take on Cork at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Saturday, June 3rd with a throw-in time of 3:00pm. The match will be shown on GAA Go.

### U9 BOYS: GO GAMES

A sun drenched evening last Wednesday as our U9s travelled to Dr. Crokes in Lewis Road, Killarney as part of the Go Games Series. There was three teams on the go so all the players enjoyed over an hour of football and our boys performed excellently and showcased all the skills of the game they are learning in abundance. Well done to all the players and management and keep up the good work. Thanks as always to the parents/guardians for travelling and supporting the team.

### U12 GIRLS:

On what was a beautiful evening in Kilcummin last Tuesday, our 12s played in the Division 5 grading final. Two evenly matched teams that faced off for the second time in a week in what was a spirited and resilient display by our girls

particularly in the second half. We were narrowly defeated on a score line of 5-8 to 4-7.

Massive thank you to our coaches Ian, Evelyn, Adele & Anthony. There are huge improvements being made weekly by these young ladies in their first year competing in the LGFA for our club.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters for attending this evening and to Kilcummin for a sporting contest.

The girls enjoyed a well deserved treat in Supermac's to finish off the evening.

### U13 BOYS: COUNTY LEAGUE

Well done to our U13 team and management who were playing against Keel/Listry on Sunday evening in splendid sunshine.

The Green side had a brilliant victory on a score of 2-10 to 1-08 which makes it three wins from three games in the County League.

The White team lost out after a great contest on a score of 3-13 to 3-05 but have two wins from three matches so far and are putting in very good performances.

### CONGRATULATIONS: ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Milltown/Castlemaine Minor Player Cian O'Brien who came in 1st place during the Munster Intermediate School Boys 200m with a time of 22.61 seconds. He has qualified for the last 8 in the National Final on Saturday, June 3rd in Tullamore and all at the club would like to wish Cian the very best of luck. A fantastic achievement!

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## Minister Foley confirms over €8 million investment in Kerry health care services

**M**inister for Education and Kerry T.D Norma Foley confirms the announcement of an €8.94 million investment in Capital Funding to support Kerry Healthcare services across 2023.

University Hospital Kerry will receive over €8.5 million in funding this year for a host of key projects including €4.5 million to extend and refurbish the existing pathology laboratory.

In this tranche of funding, €3 million is being made available to UHK for the provision of a state-of-the-art new obstetrics theatre.

Cahersiveen Community Hospital will receive €240,000 for the provision of a new Ambulance Station and €200,000 for refurbishment and extension works.

In 2023, investment in healthcare infrastructure, equipment and furnishing of health facilities is €967m with a further €50m provided for capital infrastructure COVID-19 actions.

This is a total national investment of €1.017 billion.

Minister Foley said: "I have received confirmation this morning that almost €9 million in funding is being awarded to key healthcare facilities in Kerry for 2023. This significant funding is a clear endorsement of the excellence in vital healthcare provision delivered on a daily basis throughout the county by teams of dedicated professionals.

"This funding will significantly enhance the provision of vital ambulance services and healthcare provision in Cahersiveen.

In total, University Hospital Kerry is awarded €8.5 million for this year which will provide for a significant

extension and enhancement of maternity facilities, a new obstetrics theatre and the continued improvement and upgrading works to oncology services among other crucial investments.

"I have consistently advocated for enhanced and additional health services with Minister Donnelly and I wish to thank my Cabinet colleague for prioritising the enhanced provision of healthcare services in Kerry."

**See the full list of projects below:**

UHK: €4,500,000 for the vertical extension and refurbishment of the existing pathology laboratory.

UHK: €200,000 enhancement of maternity facilities to include triage assessment, eight bed anti-natal ward, three bedroom induction rooms, four birthing rooms and ancillary accommodation.

UHK: €3,000,000 for the provision of an additional obstetrics theatre plus the upgrade of an existing theatre.

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When planting Summer bedding plants in the ground the first thing you have to do is to dig over the area and dig in plenty of compost. Most Summer Bedding plants need a nice sunny sheltered position but if you have a shaded area, begonias are excellent bedding plants for this situation and they will give you flowers right through the summer and into early autumn. As an added bonus they will also provide you with excellent coloured foliage from light green to dark purple. Always remember when planting bedding to put the taller ones at the back.

If you want to do a summer display of bedding on its own in a bed you will have to choose a centre piece - a good plant for this would be a standard fuchsia. Then start with the tallest, such as marigolds or antirrhinums and work your way out to the edge of the bed with some begonias or petunias and finally at the edge of the bed with some lobelia and alyssum.

A good idea before you plant would be to position all your plants to get an overall view of what it will look like. And remember to water all plants well in afterwards.



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## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student we love the 'hazy days of summer', they evoke thoughts of a more relaxed pace of life enjoying barbeques, ice-cream and the beach. Hazy is a word that can also mean vague or unclear. While many organise holidays months and years ahead, most people have no plans at all for what happens after they die. Insurance is a big part of life nowadays, giving a sense of security in case anything happens. We organise holiday insurance, health and life insurance, accidental loss insurance, even funeral insurance but 'after-death insurance' doesn't get a look in. Folks like to prepare for every eventuality in life - it's a huge business. Holiday itineraries are planned out in advance based on reviews advising on what to do when you get there, homes and gardens are decorated to a tee - nothing is left to chance, but it's all about this life. Yet we are only travellers here - this place is not our home no matter how nice we make it (Hebrews 13:14). Our physical bodies will all die one day and then what? Most people don't want to think about it, leaving it up to 'que-sera-sera' - what will be will be. But when something happens that's a horrific place to be without God and His Salvation (Romans 10:9-17; Ephesians 2:12). Some trust in their birth religion 'hoping' that because they fulfilled all the regulations, that rituals or beseeching saints will carry them safely on. Others proclaim that they don't believe in anything - that when you're gone - that's it; there's no more. How wrong they are, and how tragic when they find out the truth.

What the world's culture emphasises is all focussed on a very shallow level. People are taught they need to achieve success in order to feel validated and enjoy life - whether this is organising the perfect home or holiday, the perfect career, the perfect wardrobe (sustainably sourced of course), having everything 'in order', in the visible realm at least. The mantra now is 'be kind'. There's nothing wrong with 'being kind' but that's where dead philosophy ends. However, being a kind person will not earn anyone Salvation. Death often occurs when it's not planned for. Then it's too late. Salvation can only be sorted out on this side of the grave by believing in Jesus, God's Son. "This is the way to have eternal life - to know You, the only True God and Jesus Christ the One You sent" (John 17:3). Anyone that says otherwise is ignorant of God's Word (Mark 16:15-16). "...God wants everyone to be saved, and to understand the Truth. There is One God, and One Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity - the Man Christ Jesus. He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:3-6). The knowledge and fear of God and His Word has been all but eliminated from society's political correctness today. The proposed crazy hate speech law in Ireland will attempt to further alienate anyone who believes and preaches God's Word, which is the Truth (John 17:17). Jesus said "you are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings. And you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). Don't leave your salvation to chance friend. Get right with God! Repent of sin, ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart and to baptise you with His Holy Spirit. Release forgiveness, live for God - leave darkness behind and move into the Light! (John 3:16-21; Colossians 1:13-14).

Bible Study & Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursdays @ 7.30pm in person and on Zoom at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney - Eircode: V93V6X4.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Congratulations to the boys and girls of and Loreto Scoil Bhríde NS who received their first Holy Communion this weekend. We pray every blessing on all receiving Jesus into their lives in a special way over these weeks.

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER:** Meeting will take place on Friday next 2nd of June Mass at 10.00am. All Welcome.

**JOB VACANCY FOR DIOCESAN ADVISOR FOR PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The Diocese of Kerry invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Diocesan Advisor for Primary Religious Education. As a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Team, this person will take particular responsibility for supporting religious education in the primary schools. Closing Date is Friday June 16th 2023. For more details on the role and how to apply, please check out [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED** to pray the rosary before the evening Mass in the Cathedral. The rosary starts at 5.45 pm followed to Evening Mass at 6.15pm. For further information contact: Kate tel. 087 6884 124

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** would like to invite you to the Parish Centre after 11.00am Mass on Sunday the 28th of May for a cup of tea and a chat. Looking forward to seeing you there. All Welcome

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 5th of June @ 3pm  
**AGLISH GRAVEYARD MASS:** Friday 9th June @ 8pm

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** Thursday 8th of June after the 6.15pm Mass, from Cathedral to New Street to Main Street to Plunkett Street to College Street to Franciscan Friary. Thurs 8th June 10am Mass, Corpus Christi Procession begins after 6.15pm Mass at the Cathedral ends with benediction & Novena Prayers in The Friary, Fri 9th Mass 10am & 7pm, Sat 10th Mass 10am & 7pm, Sun 11th June Mass 11.30am & Blessing for Expectant Mothers, 6pm Holy Hour, Mon 12th June 10am Mass & 7pm Healing Service with Adoration & Anointing of the sick, FEAST OF ST ANTHONY; Tues 13th 10am & 7pm Blessing of the Lilies & 4pm Blessing of the Children and Families.

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART:** From the 8th—16th of June.

**ST ANTHONYS NOVENA:** from Sunday 4th June to Tuesday 13th June Sun 4th 11.30am Mass & 6.00pm Holy Hour, Mon 5th 10am Mass. Reconciliation Service 7.00pm Tues 6th 10am & 7pm Student Mass

**KILLAHA GRAVEYARD MASS:** Monday 12th June at 7.30pm  
**INISFALLEN ISLAND MASS:** Friday 23rd of June. Boats leaving Ross Castle from 4pm onwards, Mass on Island at 6.30pm.

**KILLARNEY BURIAL GROUND MASS:** Monday 26th of June.

**MUCKROSS ABBEY PILGRIMAGE AND CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 3rd of July, pilgrimage at 6.30pm with Mass at Abbey Graveyard at 7.30pm.

**AGHADOE CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 31st of July 8.00pm  
**NEW CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 7th of August at 7pm. Please spread the word to those living away who might like to attend.

**THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** will take place on the 3rd June. at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions followed by the Rosary and the celebration of Mass at 9.30am.

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**PAT DELANEY**



LATE OF 16 COUNTESS GROVE, WHO DIED ON THE 2ND OF JUNE 2018.

*No words we write can ever say  
How much we miss you day by day  
Our love for you will always keep  
It never fades, it lies too deep  
With broken hearts we whisper low  
We love you dad and miss you so.*

Lovingly remembered and missed by your Children Philip, Michael, Pat, Mary Teresa, and Edward.

Daughters in law Rachel and Jessica  
Grandchildren Dylan, Clodagh, Brooke, Holly, Leah, Abbie and Ryan

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*God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
he put his arms around you  
and whispered come to me*

*With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay*

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

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## THANKSGIVING

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## THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days. Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.

**AOC**

## NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one business, two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved today and every day throughout the whole world forever. Amen  
Say six times daily for nine days. Your request will be granted no matter how difficult it may seem. Favour publication must be promised.

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Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

Thank you for favours received

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